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FAA Seeks EMI Authority

by Alan Carter

WASHINGTON Not unexpectedly, broadcasters do not support Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposals to gain tighter control over electromagnetic interference (EMI) policies that could restrict radio station changes.

Some of these proposed changes are more stringent than FCC regulations, requiring prior notification that the Commission does not include in its current regulations.

This broadcaster opposition is on record at the FAA, in filings on a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, for which comments were due Dec. 31. They will continue to be accepted until the text of the document is finalized.

Opposition to the proposals comes not only from broadcasters but also from within the aviation industry. Questions arose over a proposal not to hold public hearings—a point questioned by many others including broadcasters. Commenters also expressed concern over the excessive filings that would be required.

The proposals would require broadcasters to notify the FAA and seek approval for changes or construction of new FM and VHF-TV stations and for any alteration to existing FM or VHF-TV stations, even when there is no change or increase in effective radiated power (ERP).

If the FAA has its way, broadcasters may have to get approval from the agency for new construction or upgrades.



The FCC filed an 11-page document outlining its long-standing concerns with the FAA over interference issues and aircraft safety.

FCC heads list

The Commission maintained that Congress authorized the FCC to implement and enforce technical standards to prevent interference and noted that public law directs the two agencies to "co-

dinate" work.

"Nothing ... suggests that Congress intended to alter the traditional roles and balance of authority of our agencies," the FCC stated. "In fact, Congress, recognizing the varying areas of expertise ... directed both agencies to engage

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CDRB Chair Named

by Judith Gross

LAS VEGAS About 30 engineers and receiver manufacturers showed up for the most recent meeting of the Committee for Digital Radio Broadcasting at the 1991 Winter Consumer Electronics Show (CES) here.

The January meeting was an attempt to get broadcast and receiver representatives working together to explore the myriad of digital systems which have been proposed for DAB.

In addition to the usual radio engineering attendees, about a half dozen manufacturing companies were represented, along with the Home Recording Rights Coalition and the Car Audio Specialists Association, which had provided the meeting room.

In one surprise development, however, chairman and co-founder of the group, Paul Donahue, DE of Gannett radio, submitted his resignation from the committee in absentia. Donahue cited "time considerations" as his reasons for resigning.

Skip Pizzi, formerly of National Public Radio and now with Broadcast Engineering magazine, was tapped to take Donahue's place, co-chairing the group with Mike Starling, also of NPR.

Not formally announced at the meeting, but confirmed afterwards was the fact that the Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE) would assume the coordination of future CDRB meetings.

Ben Micznik, acting as consumer electronics liaison for the committee, also announced that Vannin Gale, representing manufacturer Kenwood, had agreed to serve on the committee. Don Palmquist, representing Yamaha, also suggested that a CDRB chairman be present for a meeting the Electronics Industries Association (EIA) was planning, to discuss DAB issues.

While the group had no new information to offer at the CES meeting, members promised that the results of an investigation into FM-compatible DAB systems would be delivered at the next meeting, which is slated for the NAB spring convention.

FCC Calls For Aid

WASHINGTON FCC Chairman Al Sikes has gone straight to the top to keep the FAA from unilaterally imposing new EMI rules.

The FAA's recent proposals to increase its authority over EMI prompted Sikes to pen a Jan. 4 letter to Samuel Skinner, the head of the Department of Transportation. In it, Sikes urged that legal representatives from the DOT and the two agencies meet to work out their concerns.

Chief among Sikes' reasons for the meeting was the "additional costs—without offsetting benefits—on the FCC as well as the communications industry" in conforming to the proposed rules.

A 1985 memorandum of understanding between the FAA and the FCC outlined the way in which the two agencies would interact. "Given current concerns, however," Sikes continued, "I suggest the FCC's General Counsel, the Department's General Counsel, and the FAA's Chief Counsel meet soon to discuss revisions to the 1985 memorandum ..."

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NAB Names Senior VP

WASHINGTON Kenneth D. Almgren has been hired as the NAB's new senior VP and chief financial officer, according to an announcement by NAB President/CEO Edward O. Fritts.

Almgren, 43, will replace Michael Harwood who is retiring this year after 14 years at NAB's senior financial position.

Almgren previously served

as finance VP, treasurer and CFO of the Arinc Companies of Annapolis, Md., from 1981 to 1989.

Station Fined For Illegal Power

WASHINGTON People Wireless, Inc., owner of KDKO-AM of Littleton, Colo., was fined \$10,000 in December for various violations of FCC rules, including unauthorized use of daytime power at night.

According to the FCC, KDKO failed to switch from daytime power to nighttime power and nighttime directional pattern. KDKO also failed to cease operations within three hours after a malfunction in the remote system was detected, and was found to be using an unlicensed studio to transmitter link (STL).

Companies Reach Digital Agreement

SAN JOSE, Calif. Digital Microwave Corporation (DMIC) on NASDAQ and AT&T have reached a development and supply agreement for Synchronous Digital Hierarchy

(SDH)-based digital microwave radio equipment.

The agreement outlines the development of SDH transmission products by the two companies for global applications. Technology evolving from the venture will be available to both companies.

Memorabilia Sought

LOUISVILLE, Ky. The Association for Recorded Sound Collections (ARSC) is trying to locate individual pieces or collections of radio and technical memorabilia to eventually put into its international directory. In particular, ARSC is seek-

ing information about private and corporate source collections.

"Our objective is to find the unusual private or specialized source of history, including programs, engineering, equipment, business policy and personalities," said Stephen Cisler, chairman of ARSC's Broadcast Collections Committee. "These will join our listings of large collections from key stations, colleges and museums already known to our committees."

For more information, contact Stephen Cisler at 502-895-5596.

Harris Buys Transmitter Firm

MELBOURNE, Fla. Harris Corp. has signed a letter of intent to acquire the U.K.-based TTV broadcast transmitter division from Varian Associates, Inc.

The purchase is the first overseas manufacturing facility for Harris Communications Sector.

"Establishing a manufacturing facility in Europe demonstrates our commitment to be a world leader in our communication markets," Harris Communications Sector President Guy Numan said.

Terms of the transaction were not disclosed, and a final agreement is yet to be negotiated.

The announcement closely followed Varian's sale of its Continental Electronics division to Houston-based Tech-Sym Corp. for \$12 million with a \$1.7 million promissory note.

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NAB Endorses CEBus Remote

by Frank Beacham

WASHINGTON Convinced that the proposed CEBus system will not cause AM interference, the NAB has given its blessing to the universal specification control system that will permit "smart" household devices to interact through AC power lines.

The NAB announced that it is convinced the proposed Consumer Electronic Bus, or CEBus system, will pose no interference threat to AM broadcasts. The broadcasters organization will support future development of the system, NAB spokesman Doug Wills said.

Proposed by the Consumer Electronics Group of the Electronic Industries Association (EIA/CEG), the CEBus system would create a standard that would launch the long-awaited concept of home automation.

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a wide range of devices including sound systems, TVs, kitchen appliances, computers, environmental systems, security systems and lighting.

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In a recent filing with the FCC, the NAB noted initial concern about potential AM reception interference by the home automation system. The broadcaster group, however, said it no longer has such concerns. "Recent modifications to the CEBus system demonstrate that devices can be operated without

interference," the NAB said.

Although it is certain that CEBus will not cause interference to AM, the NAB urged the FCC to investigate interference problems caused by similar "carrier current" devices that use the frequencies within or near the AM broadcast band. If necessary, the NAB said, the Commission should modify its rules to prevent interference to AM radio broadcasts.

Still under development

So far, the CEBus standard is still under development and hasn't been enacted into a final specification. The EIA has been a leader in helping develop the standard and

companies such as Sony, Philips, Panasonic, AT&T, Mitsubishi, RCA, General Instruments and Johnson Controls are participating in development discussions on a CEBus specifications committee.

Development of the CEBus standard began in 1984 as a way to help reduce the glut of remote controls proliferating in American homes. That work has broadened in recent years to a search for a comprehensive standard that will permit home automation to occur in several interrelated layers.

According to the EIA, developers of CEBus have five primary goals in developing the new standard. The system must be retrofittable and non-product specific. And it must use distributed intelligence without the need for a central computer, must have an open architecture and must be expandable.

Console Firm Bought

by John Gatski

MOORESTOWN, N.J. Fidelipac Corporation, which earlier this month acquired Broadcast Audio Corporation, brings to the current arrangement a larger distribution network for the latter company's products.

Fidelipac, the prominent cart manufacturing firm, finalized the buy-out plans Jan. 1. All Broadcast Audio manufacturing operations have been moved from Rancho Cordova, Calif. to Moorestown, N.J. The products will be manufactured under the name Broadcast Audio Division of Fidelipac, according to Fidelipac President Roger Thanhauser.

Broadcast Audio is known for its reliable consoles, of which 1,500 have been installed since the company went into business in 1977. Fidelipac will continue to manufacture Broadcast Audio's Series IV and Series VI consoles and other products including turntable preamps and monitor amps, Thanhauser said.

"From the point of view of the user, there will be no difference in manufac-

ture and technical support of Broadcast Audio products," Thanhauser said.

He said the console product line will benefit from Fidelipac's organizational resources, financial strength and distribution network and, in turn, Fidelipac gains an additional product line.

Former Broadcast Audio President John Fernandez said he will remain as a consultant with Fidelipac until 1993. Fernandez and former partner David Evans, who is now deceased, spun off the Broadcast Audio line from the Sparta/Cetec line.

Fernandez said the consoles have a reliable reputation overseas as well as in the U.S. with units sold as far away as China, Guam and Australia.

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Singing Your Way Through the CES

by Judith Gross

FALLS CHURCH, Va. As I write this, I have one ear tuned to an all news station. I'm not alone. You'll no doubt know more by the time you read it, but right now everybody's waiting to see if the country is going to go to war in the Gulf.



It's gotta be especially tough for the TV and radio crews. Imagine waiting for the call to war 24 hours a day. I've even heard of some stations that are postponing some long-awaited engineering work because they don't want to go off the air. Maybe after we've been shooting awhile, but not right now when we're all on the edge of our seats.

While we wait, we've got wars of our own to keep us occupied, though nowhere near as critical. The players continue to line up on different sides of the DAB systems being proposed.

Ron Strother, who has changed his original plan to test only the Eureka system and now wants to test all systems, has yet another amendment to his petition before the FCC.

This one suggests DAB testing on multi-point distribution services (MDS). Shannondale Wireless, in West Virginia, has apparently offered Strother two channels to test DAB on MDS.

Meanwhile, it seems we don't already have enough groups studying DAB (the CDRB, WARC advisory groups, CCIR, EBU, NAB, etc.). Now the NRSC is getting into the picture. The committee named a DAB study group, chaired by Al Resnick of ABC/Cap Cities and Bart Locanthi, a consumer electronics consultant.

Don't look now, but here comes another Notice of Inquiry on WARC, the third one. It isn't out yet, but wait for it. It'll be coming

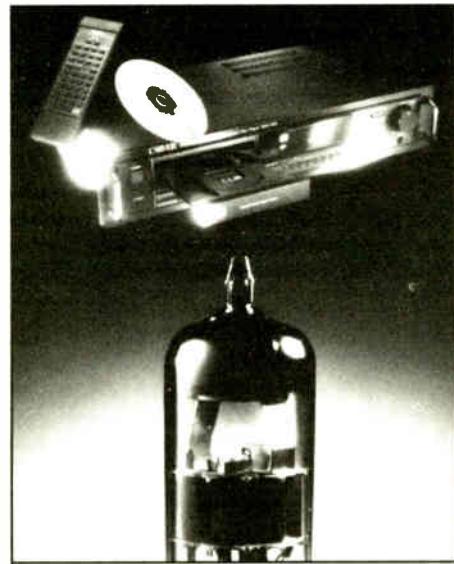
from your friendly Commission soon.

So by the time US reps go to Seville, Spain for the conference about a year from now, at least they'll know how everyone feels about allocating spectrum. No one will agree with anyone about anything, but at least we'll all know.

Meanwhile, hot at the winter CES show in Las Vegas were a lot of nifty gadgets and games. Japanese karaoke machines have finally made their way into the US home entertainment arena.

You know. These are the music-video machines that flash up the words so you can sing along, microphone and reverb included. Lots of companies have them and they were hot at the show (along with the football playoff games and President Bush's press conference on the imminence of war). One fellow with a British accent was a hit singing *Mrs. Brown You've Got a Luvly Daughter*.

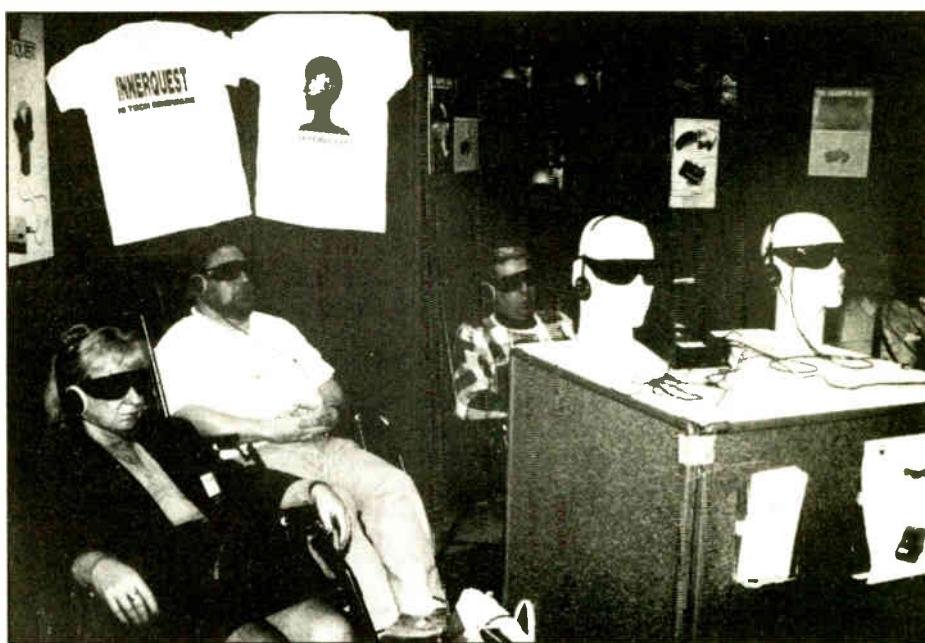
Sanyo was giving away T-shirts that told the world how you embarrassed yourself by singing in front of the CES gathering. I



Back to the good ole days.

won mine by belting out *When Will I Be Loved?* Linda Ronstadt, eat your heart out.

Anyway, the big news from the show were two (count 'em) two recordable write-once CDs. And neither one was from Denon. Kenwood had one and so



Dreaming of hitting the jackpot.

did Pioneer. They aren't ready for prime-time yet, but Kenwood, at least, was close. Give you more details in the show wrap up, next issue.

Also at the show, if you're nostalgic for that distorted, boomy sound the old tube amps used to serenade your ears with, take heart. Carver has introduced a (I kid you not) vacuum tube CD player.

No, silly, the tube is at the output. First you digitize it, then run it through the tube for that warm, cozy, good ole rock 'n roll. Or blues or whatever. Geez. And the audiophiles complain about compression!

I was surprised to run into another friend from the broadcast trade shows at the CES. Audio vendor Numark was there and central region sales wiz Bernie Fryman was showing another version of the CD segue machine the company took to the NAB show last year.

You remember this widget, doncha? This was the one that synched up the beats of two cuts on two different CDs and automatically segued from one to the other so the DJ could sit back and come off sounding like a pro.

Well, the new Numark gizmo also has a dual transport CD player that segues, but

this one lets the jock do the beat sync instead of having a computer do the counting. Guess some air talent wanted to at least try to feel superior to a machine. Oh well, ya can't please 'em all, Bernie. Oh and by the by, I still dig the 'do.

Then, if these shows make you a mite weary, here's an idea I want to nominate for the NAB spring show in Vegas. A company called Innerquest let you shut out the rat race with black glasses and headphones playing soothing music. You could sit back, relax, and pretend you hadn't lost that deuce at the craps table last night.

Vegas was fun. I especially liked the white tigers at the Mirage. That place has to be seen to be believed. How about \$500 one-armed bandits?

What about me? Hey, I won. Naw, not the \$500. Try, five cent slots. That's more my speed.

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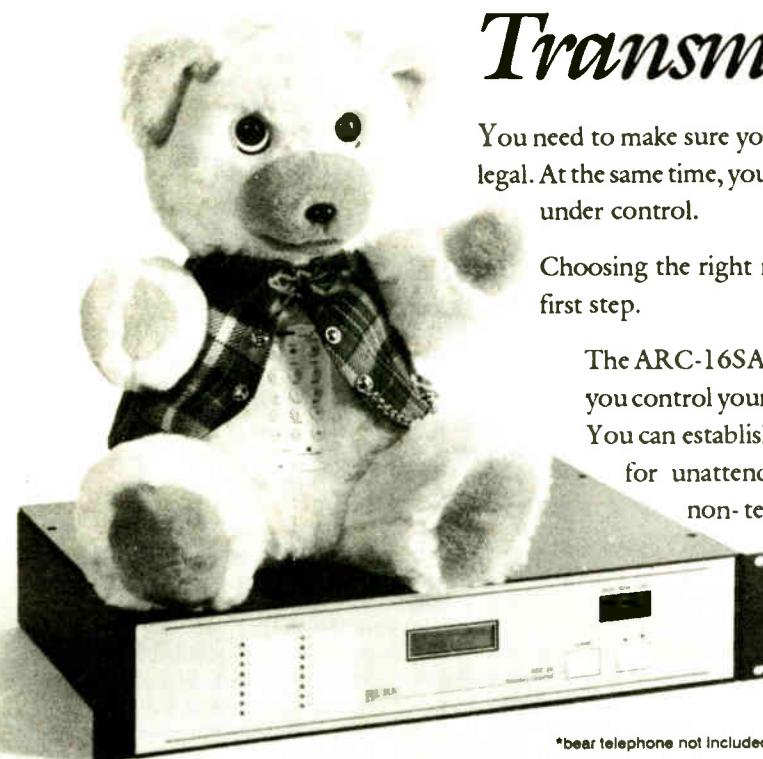
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Thank you, Lafayette Radio

Dear RW,

I also lamented the passing of Lafayette Radio until Radio Shack franchises proliferated. In the void, I managed to find a couple of small neighborhood electronic parts distributors willing to do business with a young lad. They too have passed on.

I guess I pre-date Alan Peterson by a few years, as my first encounter with Lafayette Radio occurred at their "headquarters" on Archer Avenue in Jamaica, Queens. At the time Lafayette had only one other location in Lower Manhattan. The Syosset Long Island warehouse was yet to be.

In those days, most of the house brand equipment, packaged in the Orient, was of pretty poor quality. Electronics from Asia was in its infancy and had lots of maturing to do before the quality products we take for granted today would emerge. Who would have guessed, back in 1959 that the most popular broadcast turntables in the 1980s would be coming from Panasonic (Matsushita) Corporation of Japan?

The Archer Avenue store, which stood out in a rapidly deteriorating

neighborhood, had a display window dedicated to distressed merchandise. I was in junior high school when I made the plunge and bought something from that window: a quarter-track stereo tape deck that did not work. After testing it at the store, I was able to persuade a salesman to sell it for \$5.00 with a reel of tape to boot!

It took me only two hours to discover that a couple of broken wires were the only things wrong with it. Thus began my career in audio and eventually broadcast engineering. Thank you Lafayette Radio.

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Bring AM receivers up to snuff

Dear RW,

Emily Barsh of WBZ (*Readers Forum*, Dec. 12, 1990) is right on target. I would like to follow up with some information and opinions of my own. There should be much more attention focused on improving the quality of AM radio as delivered to the listener. This includes the receiver.

During the summer of '89, my wife acquired a used car. I decided to try to find a reasonable facsimile of a good AM stereo receiver for this car. The pickings have gotten pretty slim. Using a list provided by Motorola, I found that the few quality units have virtually no distribution. Only a few questionable units are readily available.

Knowing that both Pioneer and Clarion sold good AM stereo receivers in the past, I decided to find out if either of them was still marketing units in the countries that have a standardized system (C-QUAM). I called the Canadian headquarters for both companies and received basically the same response from them.

To paraphrase: "No, we don't have anything on the market at this time." Why not? "The combined consumer market of Canada, Australia, and Brazil is not large enough to justify the cost. We need to have the United States adopt the same standard before the market will be large enough to take the chance again."

Several station owners have told me in the past that they would chance installing stereo if they could be sure that they were buying the right system and would not have to chance the cost of later replacement. I think that makes things pretty clear. It is moot as to which system is superior. C-QUAM works, and it does so quite well.

Yes, Mr. Kahn, I am sorry; you can help the AM industry, or you can continue your crusade and continue the damage. We must have an official standard, and it must be C-QUAM to march these other countries and now Mexico as well.

Ms. Barsh stated that at least three parties (AM stations, manufacturers, and government) share responsibility for making AM stereo a reality. I agree, however, these three do not share this

Relations rarely have been more strained between the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Aviation Administration. In fact, such inter-departmental struggles within the executive branch of the federal government—played out so openly—are unheard of in recent memory.

The issue is public safety. Or jurisdiction. Regardless, something must be done to smooth the waters between the FAA and the FCC, or broadcasters will find themselves saddled with more expenses and more red tape.

The FAA is attempting to expand its authority over electromagnetic interference (EMI) issues. New rules proposed by the agency would require broadcasters to have FAA approval for changes to FM stations or new construction. Air navigation equipment—avionics—is susceptible to EMI from broadcasters, the FAA alleges, and the proposal would offer protection from such conditions.

But if these rules are instituted, who pays? First, broadcasters. On another level, however, the FCC also pays, because the Commission will be required to see to the rules' enforcement.

This budgetary burden is perhaps what FCC Chairman Al Sikes alluded to in a letter to Secretary of Transportation Samuel Skinner. In it, Sikes notes that the FAA rules would impose costs on the FCC and broadcasters "without offsetting benefits."

Of course, safer air travel benefits nearly everyone, but should the cost of friendlier skies be born solely by broadcasters? Observers already have suggested that perhaps the onus is on avionics manufacturers to build higher quality navigation equipment, less susceptible to EMI.

And is it within the FAA's jurisdiction to attempt such a unilateral action, and to make another independent federal agency work through its bureaucratic processes as the only avenue of objection?

Apparently, Sikes doesn't think so. His letter to Skinner calls for a meeting of the legal representatives of the FAA, FCC and Department of Transportation to arrive at a better understanding of how the two agencies should behave with respect to one another.

Sikes' letter indicates the degree of the FCC's concern with the FAA's proposed rules, and how pressing the need is to resolve the jurisdictional dispute that lies beneath the emotionally larger issue of public safety. To ensure that broadcasters are not unfairly bound by FAA policy, the FCC should institute its own proceeding on EMI and avionics. If a legitimate problem is discovered, the solution must be jointly agreed to, not unilateral.

—RW

responsibility equally. The lion's share falls on the AM stations. There are quite enough of them to influence the government; and both directly and through the government, influence the manufacturers. The vast majority of AM stations are shirking this responsibility.

Any other industry that faced the prospects that AM broadcasters are now facing would be screaming in mass harmony. Where are the voices of the AM broadcasters? Mostly muttering or saying things like, "It's only AM. Why should I waste my money or effort on improving it?"

Because this attitude is a self-fulfilling prophecy, that's why. If AM is dying, it is because of mass attempted suicide. How many of you are transmitting stereo? Not very many. How many of you have state-of-the-art equipment throughout your facility? Not many more. I can understand that some of you are in such bad shape financially that you cannot do these things. The others, however, have no excuse.

But here is the big one: How many of you have taken the time to sit down and write to people such as the NAB, the FCC, the EIA, your congressmen and senators, the receiver manufacturers, etc., and let them know how you feel and what needs to be done? Virtually no one.

If every owner, every manager, every engineer and every program director were to write just one letter, I think that something just might finally happen. The NAB, if they really want to help, could send a letter to all AM stations suggesting points that should be made in a letter as well as suggesting whom to send letters to.

Just a few final points. You must convince the receiver industry that you will transit stereo if the standard is adopted. If you are stereo, you must promote it in every way possible (as media, you should know how). Save yourselves—no one is going to do it for you.

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RW Shifts Its Staffers

Some readers may have noticed a change in editorial responsibilities at RW. Alex Zavistovich, formerly associate editor of the paper, has assumed the position of senior editor. He replaces Judith Gross, who is now devoting more time to an independent journalistic endeavor. Judith will continue to serve as editorial consultant to RW.

Charles Taylor, previously a reporter, is now associate editor of the paper, focusing in particular on Buyers Guide. John Gatski, also formerly a reporter, has taken the news editor title.

Alan Carter, who had served as RW's news editor for three years, is now handling editorial duties for the paper's international edition.

All four editors are long-time employees of RW.

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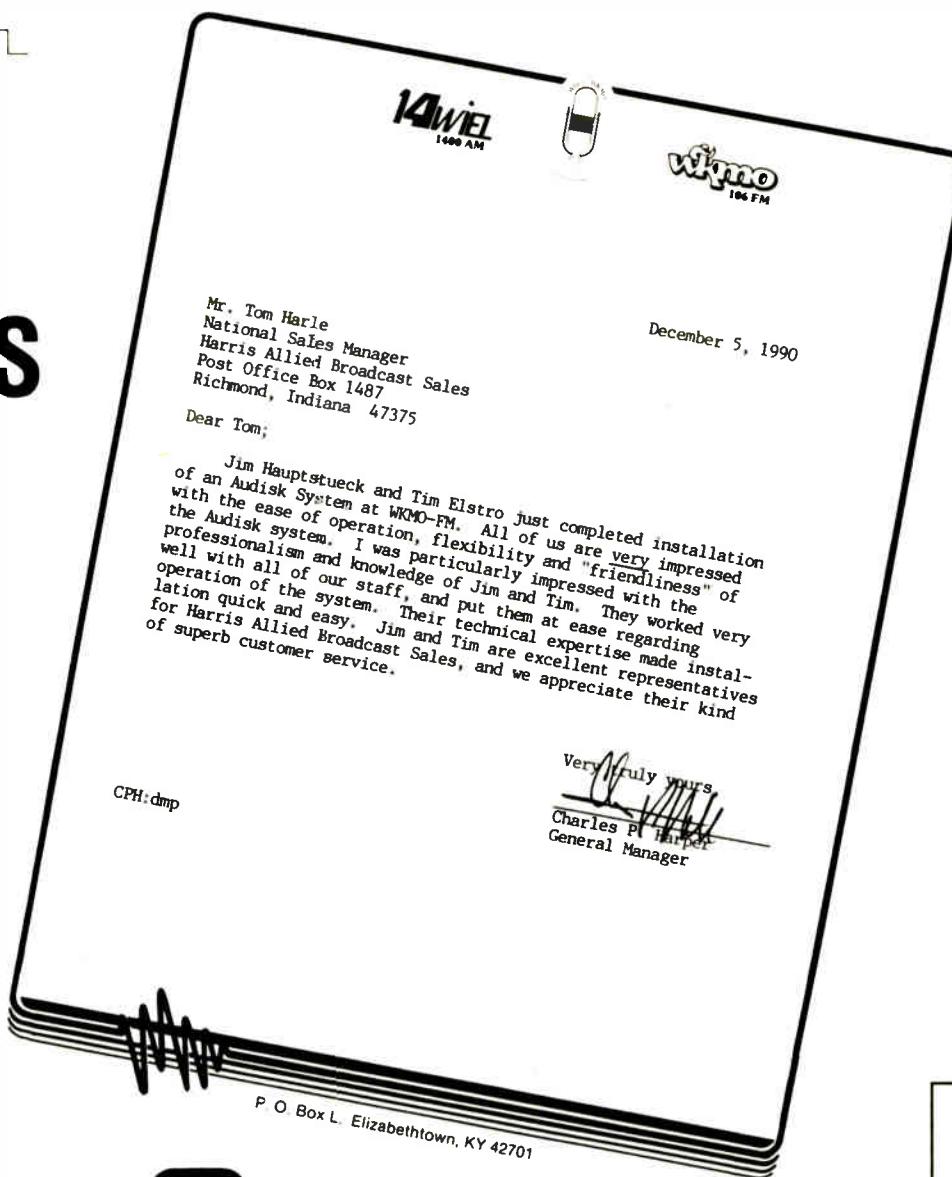
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DAB Royalty Issues Addressed

Copyright Office Receives Numerous Filings, Pro And Con, Concerning Digital Audio Broadcasting

by Charles Taylor

WASHINGTON To tax or not to tax?

That was the predominant question wrangled in comments addressing the U.S. Copyright Office's inquiry into digital audio broadcasting.

The notice, posted amid the FCC's own encompassing inquiry on the potential impact of digital services on today's broadcast environment, drew response from a number of broadcast industry powers.

By far, the main issue under discussion was whether or not digital broadcasting's increased audio quality would increase the prevalence of home taping.

Such a scenario could merit royalty taxes to compensate artists and publishers of copyrighted materials, according to copyright fee proponents.

A \$1.9 billion loss

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) led the battle cry for copyright fees, citing figures from a Roper Report that claim artists and publishers already lose more than \$1.9 billion annually from "illegal" home taping from radio, CDs and television.

"The advent of digital audio broadcast and cable services," RIAA concluded, "means that sound recordings will be exploited more intensively and extensively than ever before, in ways that will often involve charging the consumer directly without enumeration to recording companies musicians or artists."

RIAA urged the Copyright Office to recommend to Congress a performance right in sound recordings and to support legislation requiring broadcasters and cable operators to transmit "accurate and complete digital subcode information embodied in prerecorded digital record-

ings"; and to endorse restrictions on the broadcast of multiple selections from the same disc.

Other comments included a recommendation that blank tape and recording devices be taxed in an effort to recover lost revenues from home taping.

Blank tape and recorders

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) said 13 countries already tax blank tapes and tape recorders in an effort to protect copyrights.

The organization also pointed out that home taping DAB cannot be monitored, nor can owners of receiving equipment be pinpointed. As well, attempts to question subscribers about their taping activities would be regarded as an intrusion of privacy, ASCAP said.

As a result, ASCAP reasoned that digital audio services "pose a grave danger to music rights owners." They will likely result in "rampant" home taping, the group said.

Digital system hopefuls Satellite CD Radio and Strother Communications agreed there is no basis or justification for special regulation of digital services from the standpoint of protecting copyrights.

"Such regulation will actually hurt copyright owner interests by discouraging the development of a new radio distribution medium," Satellite CD said. "Digital audio broadcasting services are no more likely to be copied than works now broadcast on AM, FM or TV."

The Copyright Coalition, formed in 1989 to address copyright issues raised by digital audio recording techniques, added that a royalty payment system would neither "unduly encumber consumer taping activity nor interfere with

the introduction of new audio recording technologies."

The group said that if not safeguarded, digital radio could thrust the music community into a future in which home recording "may be the principal avenue of commercial exploitation."

Absolutely no new taxes

Although the comments revealed a royalty outcry, there was equally determined unity against additional taxation for copyright protection.

The Home Recording Rights Coalition (HRRC) said that other organizations' insistence on royalties for DAB recordings "seems more about opportunities to tax than about the need to tax."

"Why not tax sales of photocopiers, blank paper and optical scanners to compensate the publishing industry?" the group asked.

There is neither legal nor factual justification for saddling the public and broadcasters with additional financial and technological burdens, the coalition said.

"Royalty taxes are inherently and irremediably unfair to consumers and hardware and blank tape manufacturers," it said. "No further compensation is warranted for the thriving music and recording industries, which year after year post banner sales."

The NAB pointed out that the recording industry's track record in predicting home taping's impact "is not reassuring." As proof, the NAB cited statistics that the total dollar revenue for record shipments actually grew 47 percent between 1985 and 1989.

Although CBS said it had no desire to enter the debate about home taping, it did note that home taping of radio broadcasts "would appear to constitute a relatively small percentage of taping activity. The economic impact of even this limited amount of taping is highly un-

certain," the network said.

The network also took issue with a Copyright Office inquiry regarding the potential effects of making DAB a subscriber service. CBS said it strongly opposed any requirements that would prevent local broadcasters from transmitting digital sound free to the general public or that would allow such services to be scrambled.

Satellite CD and the NAB also opposed scrambling or pay per view over digital audio services.

It would be unfair, impractical, counter-productive and unconstitutional, Satellite CD said.



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Decentralization in UK Radio

by David G. Burnett

LONDON New transmitter markets are likely to open in the U.K. with the recent implementation of new broadcasting regulations.

The new regulations will increase the number of national and local radio stations, and finally establish community radio service.

The business atmosphere here will be different after years of bulk purchase contracts negotiated by the British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC) and the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA), British analysts said.

Transmission questions that to date have been resolved by BBC and IBA engineers now may be faced by the new broadcasters with limited technical expertise.

Expected to be in place by the end of 1990, the new broadcasting bill replaces the IBA, which regulated commercial broadcasting, and owned and operated all transmitters. The IBA will be replaced by two organizations: the Independent Television Commission (ITC) and the Radio Authority (RA), which will regulate commercial TV and radio respectively.

BBC ran the show

For years, U.K. radio broadcasting was regulated and engineered by the BBC

and the IBA. But under the new rules, radio will be licensed by the RA, which officially went into operation Jan. 1.

The RA, however, will not own transmitters. The existing IBA network and engineering support functions will become a government-owned company called National Transcommunications Ltd. (NTL), and will be sold into private

licenses for the commercial stations and charged an annual fee for transmitter rental.

The license holders built their stations, which were required to conform with the IBA's technical code of practice and were under its program supervision.

The BBC and IBA engineered high quality transmitter systems and, with ex-

...the license holders will have freedom to make their own transmission arrangements, according to government sources.

ownership in 1991.

The BBC was the dominant force in domestic radio with virtually 100 percent national coverage from the MF and VHF networks. It also operated a chain of MF and VHF local radio stations and the longwave service from Droitwich.

Network developments were technology driven within the BBC mandate of providing a service throughout the U.K. As frequencies were released for new services, the BBC engineered the transmission networks and provided the programs.

The BBC's only competition was the Independent Local Radio (ILR) stations, controlled by the IBA. The IBA granted

tensive use of standby equipment, provided a high level of service security.

New structure scheduled

The current proposals call for three new Independent National Radio (INR) licenses to run commercially. Of these, two will be on MF, using frequencies currently occupied by the BBC for Radios 1 and 3, and the third on VHF, using frequencies recently made available to

broadcasters, between 99.9 MHz and 101.9 MHz.

While the RA will grant licenses, it will operate with a "lighter touch," and the license holders will have freedom to make their own transmission arrangements, according to government sources.

Licenses mainly will be decided by a sealed bid auction. One MF as well as the VHF will be advertised in early 1991.

The RA invited letters of intent from prospective license applicants. The responses totalled 39, of which 16 were for FM only, four for AM only, and 19 for either or both. The 24 potential applicants who released their names revealed a wide diversity of programming formats and included many substantial organizations.

Both the INR and the RA will oversee the expansion of ILR and the full introduction of the long-frustrated community radio.

The new license holders can contract with the IBA. For INR, however, the existing main transmitter sites are owned by the BBC, which is not permitted to compete for the transmission of new broadcast services. Yes, it will be an interesting time.

David G. Burnett is owner of business management and broadcasting consultancy DGB Associates in Cambridge, England.

Rule Sought by FAA

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in meaningful dialogue and coordination."

Among the FCC recommendations is that the FAA exempt all radio stations of 1 kW or less, to cover the 2,884,429 operations currently regulated by the Private Radio Bureau.

The Commission also suggested changes for provisions requiring FAA notification and approval including:

- Any construction or alteration of a radio frequency transmitting station with an operation frequency above 54 MHz and below 216 MHz, from an originally proposed 30 MHz, and effective radiated power above 10 kW.

- Any initial or modified operation, including a change in the authorized frequency or effective radiated power, of a transmitting station located within 3,000 feet of an air navigation or communications aid and operating with an effective radiated power greater than 1 kW.

- Any construction of a new broadcast FM or VHF-TV station having ERP greater than 1 kW utilizing an existing tower.

- Changes in authorized frequency, increases in effective radiated power of more than 3 dB, increases in antenna height and changes in antenna types, of existing broadcast FM and VHF-TV stations.

"These changes will include FM and VHF-TV stations, yet will exclude most low power transmitters, since there is no justification provided for the inclusion of these stations in the rule changes," the FCC argued. "The changes will eliminate notice requirements for those trivial changes which would have little or no impact on air navigation or communications facilities."

NAB and MSTV

In a joint filing, the NAB and the Association for Maximum Service Television (MSTV) called for public proceed-

ings coordinated by the FCC and FAA.

The groups also argued that the FAA's technical standards on EMI are flawed and inconsistently applied.

The NAB and MSTV filing further suggested that the proceeding's scope be narrowed to exclude TV because "no evidence that an interference problem exists between the aeronautical and television broadcast services."

National Public Radio (NPR) and United Broadcasting questioned additional EMI regulations without improvements required to aircraft transmitters and receivers.

"An interference model should not perpetuate the use of outdated technology," United Broadcasting said.

"The FAA has not recognized aviation receivers as the source of potential interference," NPR added. "NPR strongly believes that in a maturing RF spectrum environment, those responsible for the equipment should bear the burden of correcting the interference condition."

Consultant concerns

Consulting firm du Treil, Lundin & Rackley also questioned the use of inadequate receivers by the aviation industry.

The group further maintained that the EMI computer program developed by the FAA appears defective. When applied to the airspace around O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, du Treil said it predicted extensive interference to existing FAA facilities.

Another consulting firm, Lahm, Suffa & Cavell, also said it was important that the technical standards the FAA uses to evaluate EMI be published and open to public evaluation.

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CUE and REVIEW

Colorization of CDs

by John Gatski

WASHINGTON Hey, engineers, have you heard the latest technique to make your station's CDs sound better? Marinate them in vinegar, bury them in the back yard for two weeks and—voila—radically improved sonics for your listeners.

OK, I'm just kidding about subjecting your precious discs to such torture. However, this made-up remedy rivals some of the audiophile fringe element's recent suggestions supposedly to improve CD sound quality.

First, there was the green marker remedy, in which the transparent side of the disc is colored with a green felt pen. Then somebody came along and swore that a black felt pen is the way to go. As I understand it, this will somehow alter the digital decoding process to make your worst CD sound like a million-dollar production.

Another contingent says Armor All™ car treatment is the cure for dull-sounding CDs. Wow! Not only can you protect your car's finish, but also improve the dynamic range of your CDs at the same time.

The latest sound improvement claim is freezing CDs in liquid nitrogen. Brrrr.

The audio community has not heard such a ruckus since the tube versus solid state amplifier conflict several years back. Like that hi-fidelitous controversy, this one appears to be quite heated.

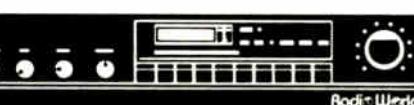
I have read articles in reputable audio magazines, claiming immediate audible benefits from these various CD "treatments." On the other side, there are the lab types, the equipment reviewers, who dismiss these claims as digital quackery.

Although widely respected in the audio field, they have come under fire from those who believe improved sound is just a felt-tip pen away. "Stereo Review" magazine columnist Ken Polhmann, who teaches digital audio theory and has written a book on the subject, was berated recently in a letter by a well-known musician, who swore that Armor All indeed made his music sound terrific.

Based on digital reproduction theory and listening tests, Mr. Polhmann and other audio experts have said there is no basis for these remedies to enhance CD sound quality because of the precise nature of digital reproduction.

Based on their explanations, those little coded numerical bits on a CD contain only the sound that was recorded and mastered onto it. If the player is high quality, the laser reads the information and through the digital/analog process, the bits are reconstructed and the music is reproduced as it was encoded.

From what I am told, no amount of



coloring or chemical layering of the CD shell will alter the sound in a way that would enhance it. A bit is a bit.

Such home-spun remedies as Armor-All, however, could affect the sound adversely. They could cause decoding errors similar to a scratch if they obscure the laser's reading of the disc.

Normally, a CD player's error correction systems will compensate for minor scratches, smudges and production flaws and they will not affect the sound. If one of these snake-oil cures is beyond the error correction mechanism's ability, however, it could result in skipping or those bursts of continuous repeats that characterize an ailing CD.

And something else to consider—especially with Armor All. The laser, though low in energy output, may cause the chemical to melt onto the vulnerable CD player circuitry. Some sound improvement, huh?

Now it is true that the quality of digital-to-analog converters, other internal components and filtering techniques can affect CD sound, but that is not the fault of the CD surface. A few years ago, some of the cheap players that used low-grade parts sounded harsh. But today, just about any CD player sounds good, no matter what its price.

Despite evidence that greening, blackening, Armor All-ing or freezing CDs does not make them audibly superior, these people continue to emphatically believe in their cures.

In light of this, I think it is time for the reputable audio press to put this controversy to rest, perhaps by conducting a comprehensive blind listening test similar to the one that was conducted with amplifiers a few years ago.

An audio magazine conducted such tests with golden-ear audiophiles who, overall, were hard pressed to discern major audible differences between amplifiers costing hundreds of dollars and thousands of dollars. It is a controversy that continues to simmer, but was satisfactorily addressed for a lot of hi-fi buffs who previously were not sure what to believe.

The same type of test could be done with these CD improvement techniques. Treat a CD with one of those remedies and compare it to an untreated one, using the latest in double-blind testing techniques and quality equipment.

I am willing to bet that the tests will show CD sound quality is not affected by surface treatments, but only by how it was recorded.

It is likely that most of the audio-buying public would be satisfied by the test results. It might even convince a few of the felt pen proponents who are spraying car wax on their CDs how ridiculous their ideas are. On second thought, it probably won't.

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Solving Telco Woes

by John Bisset

FAIRFAX, Va. It's becoming popular in many markets for radio stations to tap the services of the local TV weatherman or sportscaster to join the station lineup.

Typically, these feeds are done either at the talent's house or from the television station. In some markets, a mic and mixer

are set up at both locations, with equalized lines running back to the radio station. A novel way to deal with these two feeds can be seen in Figure 1.

The outputs from each telco equalizer coil are fed in series, since neither are used at the same time. The front panel switch is usually left in the "both" position. In this case, the forecaster can call in reports from

either location, without confusing the jock as to where the feed will originate.

The circuit has a couple of other added benefits as well. First, the tip-ring-sleeve monitor jacks provide a convenient way of monitoring either signal. Second, should one line fail, the operator simply switches to the other line. While the phone company sends down its tones (or who knows what else), the output from that equalizer is shorted—and won't go out over the air.

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Speaking of quiet telco circuits, sometimes this can be a problem. At a recent SBE meeting, several engineers complained that telco installers were pulling their circuits for special or occasional broadcast. One station did a monthly live remote from a restaurant, and more times than not, there was no continuity when the circuit was checked the night before the broadcast.

Several engineers offered a solution that appears to be working—leave the tone on-line all the time. Installers, searching for a spare pair, may select yours if they bridge across it and hear nothing.

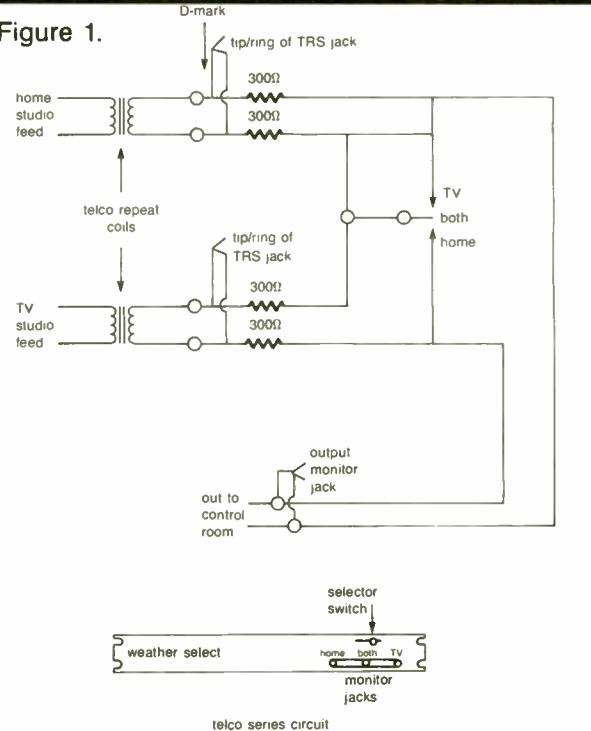
I know they're not supposed to do that; nonetheless, the practice does occur. The engineers who offered the suggestion said their continuity problems dropped to zero since they started hanging a buzzer or tone generator on their line.

For more permanent installations, the Shure mixer has a built-in tone oscillator.

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Figure 1.



Bradley catalog, circle Reader Service 4.

If you're searching for something a little less elaborate, you can buy the telco-type "buzzers" or "tweedle-tone" oscillators from Specialized Products Company.

The 77A Tracer sells for \$25. If you are into telco-type accessories—butt sets, signal tracers, etc., then the specialized products catalog is for you. For information, circle Reader Service 123.

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This publication is a good refresher for those of us experienced with RPUs as well. Oh, and as to the answer to the RG-58 question—the RF loss in RG-58 is too great to use more than 20 feet in any of the RPU bands.

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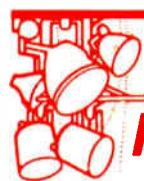
by Frank Beacham

LOS ANGELES How does the novice broadcaster learn to produce a radio spot? Or learn to read a VU meter? Or learn the basics of signal processing?

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Video Publishing of Los Angeles is offering what it terms "master classes in media arts" on video cassette.



Focus on Production

Among the tape titles are "Radio Production: Making a Radio Commercial," "The Art of Radio Advertising,"

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Numerous topics

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"I came to video education kicking and screaming," he said. "I'm a lover of books myself. I had to be persuaded that video was an appropriate medium for teaching. But now I'm convinced that video's ability to let you see things change is unique in teaching. The medium is the best way to teach some skills."

Quality productions

In reviewing sample tapes, RW confirmed Lebrun's statement. For example, in the series of tapes on sound production techniques, the high quality VHS HiFi soundtrack allowed the viewer to hear the effect that processing equipment has on the audio signal. Other topics such as microphone characteristics and phase cancellation were clearly demonstrated on the tapes.

So far, First Light's primary marketing effort has been aimed at schools. Marketing to radio stations and other businesses producing audio will begin early in 1991.

The school/business price for radio-related tapes average about \$100.00 each. However, there are substantial discounts for individuals who wish to purchase tapes for private study.

"These tapes may not appeal to people with that coastal attitude that 'we already know it all,'" said Lebrun. "The tapes are more for people who say 'God, I wish I could have access to that kind of information. We could be a lifesaver to that kind of person.'"

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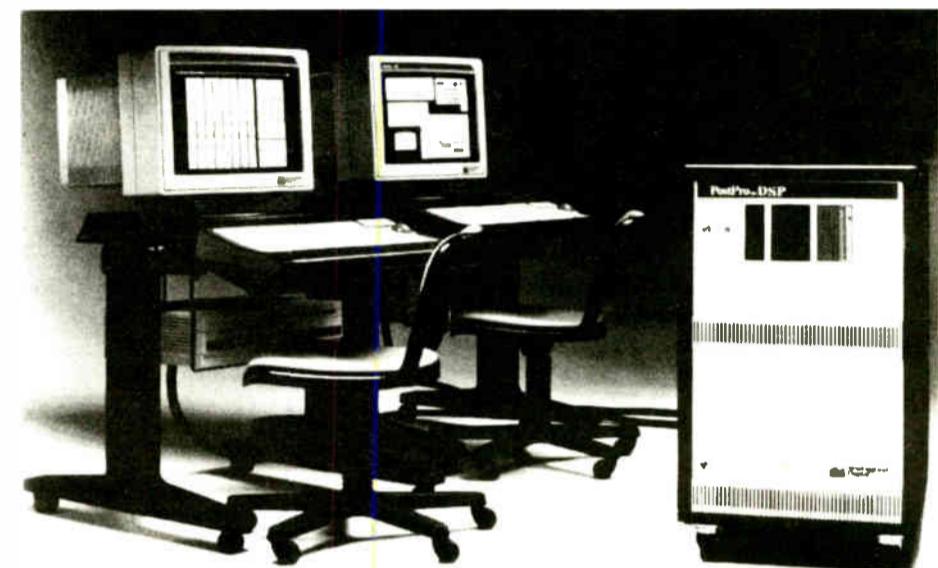
IBM digital mastering system

The 1.1 version of SoundStage, the two-track editing software for the 56K digital recording system from Turtle Beach Systems, includes sample rate conversion, time compression/expansion, a scrubbing window, and separate mono left/right control.



The 56K digital recording system connected to a DAT machine and any IBM 286 12 MHz or faster will enable the system to record, playback and edit compact disc-quality sound.

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Racking Up Production Gear

by Ty Ford

BALTIMORE If you've been thinking about increasing your production studio's "ear candy quotient," a meander through this special installment of *Producer's File* may prove helpful.

First, consider improving quality and safety of the power that runs your rack. Although there are a few filters and power line conditioners on the market, I found the ISOBAR from TrippLite a likely choice because it offers protection from voltage spikes, as well as RFI and EMI AC line noise.

Make sure the suppression is quick enough to do the job and make sure the upper clamping voltages are low enough to keep from frying your gear.

If you're doing phone-in, FAX or modem stuff, don't forget surge protection for your phone lines. Some years back, lightning hit a phone pole a few miles down the road from my house and made a nice black hole in the middle of the master board of my security system. It can happen. If you're running computers in the studio, consider battery backup systems and voltage regulator/stabilizers to prevent momentary power drops and brown-outs from ruining your day.

The rack

To the true Production Rat, an empty slot in the effects rack is like a promise waiting to be fulfilled. In an attempt to reduce the tantalizing effect of seeing a space that constantly whispers

"fill me," I installed a rack-mount shelf in my last open rack space.

Such a shelf is more expensive than a blank filler panel, but it makes a handy repository for the by-products of the production I'm working on. To be honest, it also provides a great spot for gear that doesn't have rack-mount ears.

Focus on Production

If your production studio console was originally designed with dedicated console returns and you've used them all up, consider expanding your capability with an additional patch bay or audio switcher. This works especially well if the input strips you're using as returns are switchable and available.

If you use a lot of the same patch configurations during your work and you hate patch cables, consider electronic switchers from Gentner and 360 Systems. If you're running an advanced MIDI system, the MM-8 from 360 Systems is an 8x8 MIDI-capable switching matrix.

The MIDI music makers are coming out faster than the market can absorb them. If you haven't had much music training, but still want to get into using synths, there are several "entry level" models under \$1,000.

Some even have built-in zaps and whooshes. If you'd like to make some

sustainer beds with drums, but feel shaky about creating your own drum arrangements, check out the Alesis SR-16 drum machine. Although it's not rack-mountable, it has great sounds and comes with 50 preset drum patterns that you can link together by number to create your own arrangements.

And if you need a sequencer or MIDI recorder, consider the Alesis MMT-8 sequencer or Mac-based Mark of the Unicorn's Performer software with a Mac-MIDI interface box.

Eating up channels

If your MIDI rig is eating up too many channels of your console, there are many rack-mountable mixers. The Alesis 1622, with 16 channels, six sends, eight returns and high/low shelving EQ is a good value, but it requires a fairly

large hole in your rack. This kind of setup allows you to pre-mix the audio from all of your MIDI boxes before bringing them into your main console.

If your present MIDI-capable effects box suffers from lack of dedicated controls, try the Lexicon MRC-1 or Yamaha MPC-1 MIDI table-top controllers.

If you don't have the counter space for remote controls and you have an affinity for dedicated controls, check out the Yamaha REV 5 digital reverb. It's cleaner, quieter and more versatile than its predecessor, the REV 7.

At the top of my list of major effects devices are Eventide's Ultra-Harmonizer with sampler board; the Eventide SP-2016, the TC 2290 sampler/multi-effects box from TC; the Lexicon 300 and the Quadraverb from Alesis. When the 4 Mbyte RAM chips recently released make it to these devices, expect a quantum leap in sampling time and new special effects.

If you're in it for the long haul, it pays (continued on page 15)

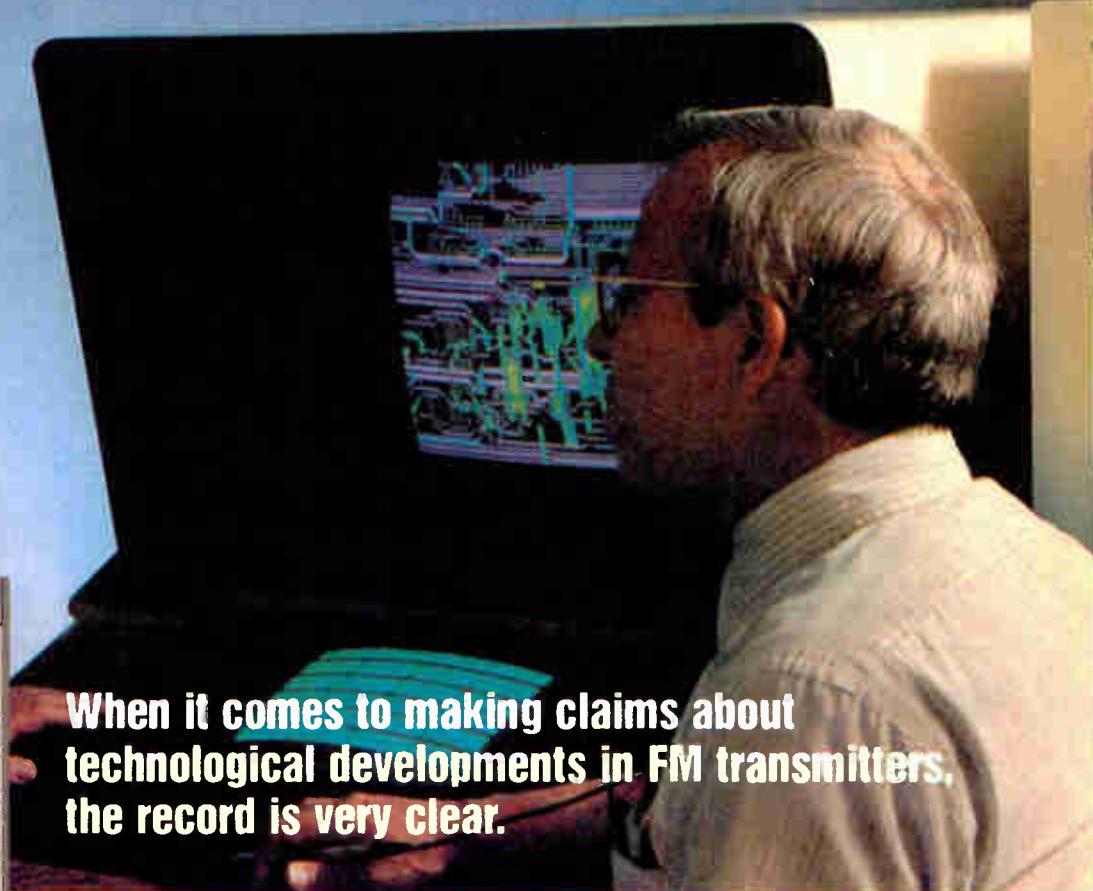
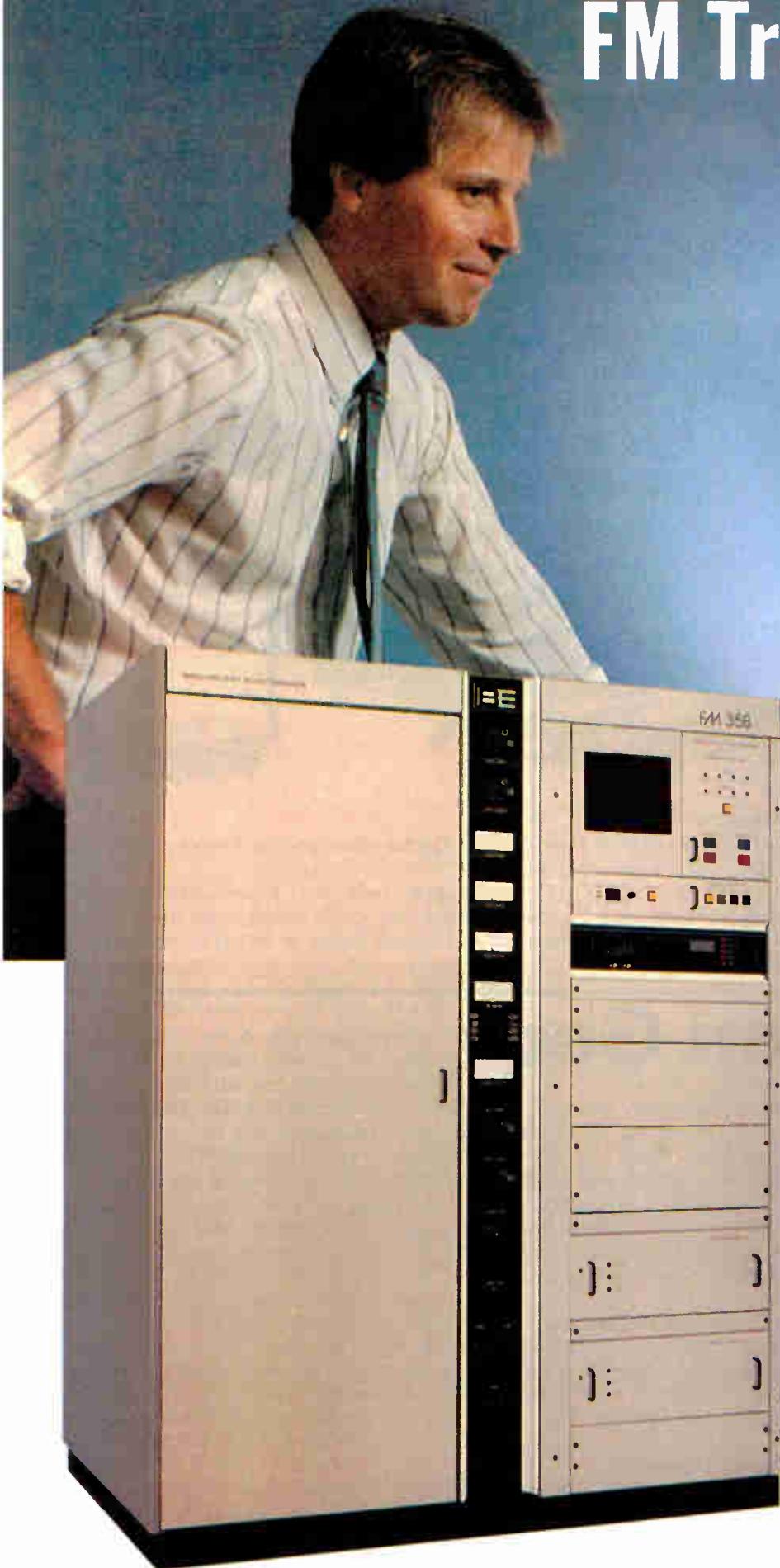
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E-Mu Proteus Adds to the Mix

by Al Peterson

DANBURY, Conn. Stations now equipped for MIDI production enjoy the advantage of creating in-house music for spots and promos. Contemporary synth sounds and aggressive drum samples spice up any major station's presentation.

Focus on Production

Now, E-Mu Systems of Scotts Valley, Calif., turns it all around by putting a real symphony orchestra right into the mix with the Proteus 2 sound module, a one rack unit high multtimbral MIDI module weighing less than a violin case.

While Proteus itself is a recent addition to the E-Mu lineup, the company has made waves for years with its Emulator line of sampling keyboards (remember the synth that coughed in 'Ferris Bueller's Day Off'?).

In fact, E-Mu used its ultra-quiet Emulator III to record and edit samples for Proteus, so there is no grit or fizz to the sounds, and no noise anywhere. Sample playback rate is 39 kHz for a respectable 20 Hz to 18 kHz frequency response — more than ample for FM.

Nothing's missing, is it?

My first impression of the front panel was that they left out a lot of controls; up front are five buttons (one's for power), two dials and a display. But the editing power behind these innocent controls is awesome.

The Master key calls up the menu controlling overall operation of Proteus, including tuning, MIDI mode, real-time controller assigns and even what angle you want to see the display from. Tweaking any operation is done by the Cursor

key and the Data dial.

Move the cursor under a line on the fluorescent display and enter a new value with the dial (Proteus seems to have been designed for musicians who prefer "giving the dial a ride" over laboriously inputting individual values—a very speedy method to rough-out a desired sound). The other dial is volume, which I left up all the way; for me, volume was handled by key velocity and Controller 7 commands.

The Edit key digs deep into each preset (or Patch, a complete set of parameters for any given sound) and can alter and re-route nearly everything Proteus has. You even can reverse a sound (plucked strings and percussion sound unearthly) or splice it onto another (how about a tubular bell turning into a trumpet?).

Back panel features include the now-standard MIDI In/Out/Thru jacks and six assignable quarter-inch line level (+4 dB into 600 ohms) jacks. Four of the six handle double duty as submix in/outs for patching outboard effects—very handy if your console is short on effect send busses.

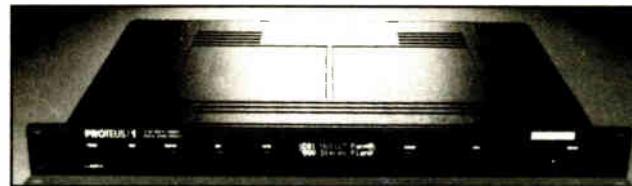
MIDI implementation is excellent. Fact is, MIDI is the only way Proteus will make a peep (unless you play back the demo sequence ad infinitum). Even a studio equipped with a lower-priced "consumer" keyboard with MIDI Out can achieve dramatic results. Proteus shines with a sequencing computer, since its multtimbral capabilities put the majesty of a full real-sounding orchestra right there.

Outboard processing

Someone's bound to grouse about the absence of on-board processing (reverb) and the lack of some voices. E-Mu designed Proteus to be used with outboard processing, just as there is no single way to add ambience around an orchestra. With the assignable outputs, strings can get a large hall program, horns

can be left alone or percussion can be given a gated slap sound.

Admittedly, the Proteus 2 is not for everybody. It isn't an "everything box" like



E-Mu's Proteus digital sound module.

the Eventide Ultra Harmonizer and it doesn't speed you through editing like the AKG DSE-7000 will. The Proteus is a sound module targeted toward musicians

and composers. But it is a cost-effective addition to every well-equipped MIDI production room.

Priced between \$1,000 and \$1,200 (well below any 16-bit sampler), in-house music production for station use breaks away from the "bloop-bleep-rat-a-tat-tat" the rest of the market is filled with. Give the Proteus 2 a listen.

For information, write E-Mu Systems, 1600 Green Hills Road, Scotts Valley, Calif. 95066.

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to invest in effects boxes that are software-controlled. That way, as the technology advances you won't end up with a "dead-end" box. Aphex's Compellor and New Studio Dominator and Orban's 424A Studio Optimod and 464A Cooperator top my list for high-quality gain reduction devices for both production and air studios.

For flexible control of mic processing, try the Symetrix 528 mic processor. This de-esser, compressor/expander, parametric EQ setup is especially a good choice for consoles with no effect sends—the 528's back-panel patching connections can be used to feed a signal to an effects box, and the stacking input can be used as a return. Make sure the effects box you use in this configuration can mix the dry and effected signals.

Slightly more refined

If you're a tweaker with bucks, go for Orban's 787A processor. Besides doing everything the 528 does in a slightly more refined way, it also can store up to 32 presets and can be remote operated by basic optional remote control, MIDI,

or RS-232 interfaces.

Studios with lots of open mics, like morning shows and interviews, can benefit from the four-channel expander gating of Valley's GateX, Gold Line's 400, Symetrix 564 (due in April), or the ShureSmart Mic System.

If your production studio doesn't have a good parametric equalizer for remedial EQ, you need one. High-budget buyers should check out the Orban 764A digital parametric. Smaller budget buyers, head for the Orban 642B, Klark-Teknik DN410, Rane PE15 or a pair of the Symetrix SX201s.

Single-ended noise reduction systems such as the Symetrix 511A or the CRL DX-2 do a great job of cutting tape hiss and console noise, or you can get some relief from a pair of dbx 563X Silencers. If you need aural enhancement and single-ended noise reduction, check out the Orban 290RX adaptive enhancement processor.

And that's the way it is.

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Ty Ford's studio continues to be a beta test site for production gear. Reach him by phone at 301-889-6201, via MCI mail (#347-6635) or via America Online (Tford).

A History of Chain Broadcasting

by George Riggins

LONG BEACH, Calif. John Landry of WBZ in Boston, suggested a look at the "Blue Book" of 1946. Perhaps we should go further back and start with one of the first reports issued by FCC, the "Report on Chain Broadcasting."

One fact we must remember is that the FCC as we know it today came into being after the Communications Act of 1934. Prior to that time, radio was governed by FRC—the Federal Radio Commission—and the Department of Commerce.

The Report on Chain Broadcasting became public in May 1941. The report was a study of the two major networks, CBS and NBC. NBC was controlled by RCA and consisted of the Blue and Red networks. CBS was the younger of the two, and not as dominant at that time.

NBC owned by RCA

One of the major points of the report was the fact that NBC was controlled by RCA. The report went on to cite the many ways RCA controlled radio through patents, receiver sales, control of artists, recording contracts, record labels, motion pictures and phonographs. The report writers contended that the two networks, Blue and Red, were not truly competitive.

Comments by John S. Wilson on the record jacket of a Larry Clinton album

(LPM 1342) illustrate a few of the controls RCA held over recording artists: Larry Clinton was not allowed to record "Dipsy Doodle" and "Study in Brown" with his own orchestra before WWII because "Dipsy Doodle" had been recorded by Tommy Dorsey, and "Study in Brown" had been done by Bunny Berigan.



It was not until after the close of the war that Larry Clinton was allowed to record his own compositions on the RCA Label.

Other aspects of the report cited the contracts that were written for the benefit of the network to the exclusion of the best interests of the listening audience. Further evidence was cited of the control over local stations by the networks.

28 days notice

The networks could pre-empt local programming on 28 days notice, but the local station had to give considerably more notice if there was a desire not to "air" the national program. Contracts were written to give the network a one-year cancellation provision for breaking

the affiliation, but the station had to give five years notice.

RCA, under pressure, sold the Blue Network, which then became ABC. One of the problems associated with the sale and renaming was the fact that most of the ABC stations were not located in major markets. This still left many potential listeners without any way of getting competing programs.

Programming took into account the influence over program content that was maintained by the advertisers themselves. Figures cited indicate that Proctor and Gamble purchased enough national time (19,812 station hours) to fill the annual program schedule of more than three stations. Of one network's revenue, 35.7 percent came from just six sponsors. Of the total advertising revenue on all networks, 10 advertisers accounted for more than 18 percent of the billings.

As we can imagine, some of the intrigue that went into wooing potential affiliates would probably make a good "whodunit" book.

One of the other developments of the era that was brought about by the strength of the networks (CBS in particular) was the elimination of a stranglehold on radio news reporting held by the newsgathering industry (wire services).

CBS threatened to establish a worldwide news gathering service of its own if changes were not made. The estab-

lished news media relented and allowed radio stations to have five-minute news summaries, timed to follow newspaper editions at 9:30 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Stations were to stay 12 hours behind the news. Not until 1939 was Associated Press available to networks.

New stars

Some reported benefits that came from network radio included the development of new stars of the entertainment world and the birth of worldwide instantaneous current event availability.

As for news gathering, we were able to know very quickly after an event happened, rather than waiting for the next "Extra" newspaper edition. I remember the San Francisco Chronicle being sold late in the evening after the Lindbergh kidnapping—hours before there was any mention of the event on either the Red or Blue Network.

The Chronicle had to be printed and trucked 150 miles to the little town where I lived. KMJ, Fresno, was the nearest network station for NBC and carried a mix of Red and Blue programming.

If anyone doubts the changes in values over the past 56 years that FCC has been in existence, look only to the original salary set forth for a commissioner: \$10,000 per year.

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Straightening Out the Radio Learning Curve

by Barry Mishkind

TUCSON, Ariz. According to many engineers, deregulation was the worst possible thing to happen to the broadcasting industry since disc jockeys were permitted combo operation.

Some owners and managers would take the opposite view: Deregulation was the best possible thing for broadcasting; it freed stations from onerous regulations and expenses.

As with many matters, the truth really lies in between. Many engineers, as well as owners and managers, have found benefits as well as problems in deregulation.

Forest-killing paperwork

For example, the forest-killing paperwork and outdated regulations are well left in the past. On the other hand, today we find DJs "controlling" transmitters and logging parameters they don't understand (and usually don't want to understand), as many stations use deregulation to reduce their technical commitment.

Yes, the days when every station needed a full-time CE are long gone. Now, "chief operators" are often simply DJs with restricted permits.

Has this had a detrimental effect on station operations? Many observers listening up and down the dial agree that the average station's audio quality has certainly degraded. "Marketplace forces" have rarely led to better operations—merely louder audio.

What we'd like to focus on is a problem faced by many working engineers in small and medium markets: modern technology is passing them by.

Trying to keep current

That's not to say these engineers are unconcerned. Rather, they find themselves trapped by the working conditions and budgetary constraints of the deregulated world.

The difficulties that engineers face include both the ancient transmitters that some stations refuse to replace, as well as the brand new technology they don't fully understand yet. In other words, they can find themselves lost on the learning curve.

Of course, there's nothing wrong with repairing and maintaining transmitters.

Indeed, if nothing ever went wrong with the RF side, stations could be maintained by the kid from the stereo store down the street. (Gasp—just thinking about that causes my spine to shiver).

ECLECTIC ENGINEER

Classes at the local community college or university rarely address the day-to-day technical needs of a broadcast facility. Beyond the basic electronics classes, there usually is little available for the person interested in broadcasting.

Thus, the engineer with a problem transmitter finds the need to develop a network of friends experienced with the unit and willing to share their knowledge. Sometimes they're local, other times they're reached via telephone calls or electronic BBSs.

If the station has a newer transmitter and the budget for it, the engineer may visit the manufacturer for a seminar to learn the tricks and traps of operation. Otherwise, he has to go back to

networking in order to get help. There really are few other options. Furthermore, the tremendous flood of digital and microprocessor-controlled products in the audio chain requires a wide range of knowledge on the part of the technical staff to keep it all in top form.

This could lead us into a long discussion of the proper compensation level for those with this knowledge; at least it should be more than that earned by the gardener, shouldn't it?

Many engineers wonder how they can keep up with advances in technology, especially if they work at a station that resists replacing older equipment.

Not being able to get hands-on experience with newer gear can mean missing those advances in technology. After 10 years in a smaller market, many engineers worry that they're not qualified to handle the gear they'll find as they move up to larger market stations.

Moving up the learning curve

How can one jump from servicing a 25-year-old transmitter, a 15-year-old console, 10-year-old cart machines, etc.

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Pirate Evades FCC's Clutches

by Dee McVicker

EAST COAST, USA "Joe" is a card-carrying radio pirate—the sort that FCC pirate buster Judah Mansbach warned us about in RW's Dec. 12, 1990 "FCC's Mansbach Scuttles Pirates."

But Mansbach's warnings do not seem to bother this radio pirate, whose real name is being withheld for obvious reasons. Feeling secure behind his broadcasting fortress located somewhere on the East Coast, Joe called to talk candidly about radio piracy.

"I'm not a frustrated broadcaster," he was quick to say, referring to Mans-

bach's comment that many pirates are simply frustrated DJs who can't get a job at a licensed station. "(I'm) a broadcast consulting engineer." Joe said he maintains several licensed stations on a regular basis.

He also claims to operate an unlicensed pirate station, a sideline that cost him \$25,000 in initial investment and, at least for now, a scowl from the FCC. If caught, Joe's radio piracy could cost him up to \$100,000 in fines and a year in jail.

For the sake of shortwave

To Joe, it's a small price to pay. "It's not to get into the freedom of speech thing or to aggravate the FCC. It's primarily done just for the shortwave listener, the young kids that want to hear something different and new."

Joe's fascination with the airwaves began as a youngster. Self-described as a lonely child with radio his only connection to the outside world, 13-year-old Joe was an avid AM listener who eventually turned to DXing. Reaching out one evening to the wide world of radio, he logged what would become his first introduction to pirate radio.

Years later, after engineering some six or seven radio stations and making a career in broadcasting, Joe would draw on this childhood experience to cross over into radio piracy. In the late 1980s, Joe fired up his home-brew transmitter and signed on his pirate station with 5 kW of power on 1620 kHz. He's been broadcasting without FCC licensing ever since, and has yet to regret the decision.

"The first year I was on from about December all the way into March or April, continuously every night for four or five hours," Joe said. Today, the radio pirate keeps a more relaxed schedule, airing the station's middle-of-the-road rock music and spoof commercials as time permits.

Most of the station's loyal listeners, according to Joe, "are professional people. They're engineers, they're legal people, they're doctors, they're people who would love to do what I'm doing, but they don't want to risk it."

OFFBEAT RADIO

By far, he maintained, the biggest task is replying to all the listener mail. "Everyone gets a personal answer," he said. "It's a lot of writing, so I learned how to type"

Keeping a watchful eye

Joe also has learned how to stay clear of the wrath of the FCC. While his pirate station is under the vigilant eye of ace pirate busters like the notorious Judah Mansbach, and has been for several years, Joe also keeps a watch out for the FCC.

Located on a mountaintop in Some-where, USA, the pirate station's 85-foot tower is surrounded by a fortress of pine trees. From this vantage point, Joe can see approaching vehicles—including FCC direction-finding cars—for miles down the road. Since the FCC pirate busters "have to catch you operating on the air," Joe believes it is unlikely that the pirate station will be yanked off the air anytime soon.

Although he readily admits that radio piracy gets its bad name from a few careless pirates who abuse the sport, he maintains that he is a courteous pirate and is careful not to interfere with licensed U.S. stations. "There's nobody anywhere in my area on this channel, (or even) near me. The closest station to me is 120 or 130 miles away."

Joe added he is careful not to abuse the airwaves, and does not air anti-religious or anti-government broadcasts.

"You know," he mused, "there's a lot of nuts that have ruined this."

Does he plan to ever join the ranks of licensed broadcasters? "I have been looking into buying an AM broadcast station," he said, but quickly added, "These little AM stations, most of them are going for \$100,000. It doesn't warrant (the cost)."

Out of FCC reach

For the immediate future, Joe plans to keep his bootleg station on the air and out of reach from the FCC. Risking hefty fines and possible incarceration, Joe maintains that piracy does have several advantages over licensed broadcasting, not the least of which is coverage.

On a good night, Joe said he can expect the station to cover a large region ranging from Nova Scotia to Cuba. Some listeners have reported the station's reception as far away laterally as Topeka, Kan. The only pirate to cover this expanse of territory, to Joe's knowledge, was the mastermind behind radio pirate ship, "Sarah."

"On 1620, to cover 2,000 miles is a feat," Joe said. This challenge, now accomplished and making Joe a distinguished pirate in some circles, is what lured him to the AM band in the first place. "It's too easy to cover many thousands of miles on 7415 or 6240 (shortwave)."

Joe speculates that his station is the longest running AM pirate station at 5 kW power. "There was WKND Weekend Radio in Pittsburgh—a young guy, who, as a matter of fact, talked to me on 1620. I had done a show and I had my receiver on and I listened back to see what was there. And he called me on 1620, which was probably the first and only time that has ever been done."

WKND Weekend Radio, like the radio ship Sarah, has since joined the pirate graveyard, a fate that Joe hopes is not in the cards for his station.

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The Learning Curve

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to a plant with new equipment?

Personally, I've found that developing a relationship with the manufacturers, attending the NAB and SBE conventions and making the effort to develop ties with fellow engineers has been a great help. The person who stays isolated either because of no station support or an unwillingness to network is at a severe disadvantage.

Still, not everything can be learned at a broadcast convention or in a conversation with the manufacturer's technical support staff. The convention papers can't cover the whole spectrum of educational needs. Some sort of continuing education seems to be necessary, even essential.

There are some programs at community colleges around the country. The only trouble is, they're not always close, so they're a bit difficult for most working engineers to attend.

Another source of education is RW. Sure, I'm biased a bit, but seriously: In these pages you'll find everything from regulatory news to Ed Montgomery's tutorial series leading to continuing education units at Northern Virginia Community College. And, amazingly enough, some of you find this column to be useful, too.

There are SBE chapters that have long

been a valuable resource in providing training tips and help in the field. Sharing the benefits of experience is basic to their mission. At least one chapter has developed a training program for members in coordination with a local community college.

By putting real effort into training, more direct benefits accrue to the average engineer in the field than that provided by lobbying efforts in D.C. or even the SBE's certification program.

This opens the door for opportunities on two fronts. First, there are great resources out there for those wanting to increase their knowledge of the technology of the 1990s. Secondly, there is the opportunity for those

with knowledge and experience to put something back into the industry by helping others to benefit.

Whether through the SBE chapter or just among your local group of working engineers, you can move up the learning curve. But, more importantly, you can contribute to making radio better for all of us. The question is: Will you take the challenge to get involved?

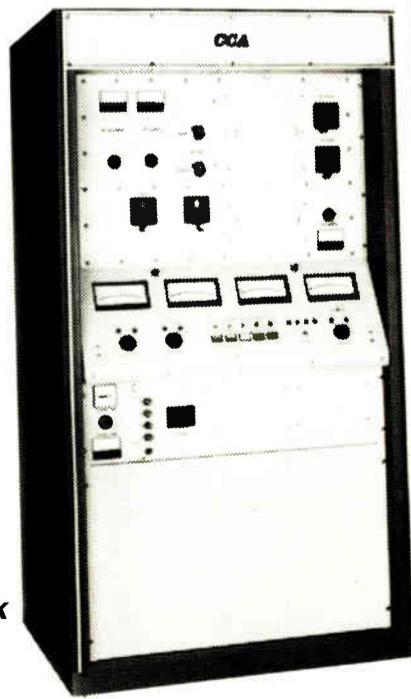
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ANSI and Transmission Lines

by Harold Hallikainen

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. Last month, our discussion of complying with the ANSI specifications for electromagnetic radiation safety looked at shielding the electric field and shielding the magnetic field in a perfect conductor.

While researching this, I noticed some similarities between electromagnetic radiation and transmission lines.

My college text on electromagnetics discusses both radiation in a medium or free space and propagation down a transmission line, but did not develop many anal-

ogies between them. Perhaps I'm seeing similarities that are not there. I found Smith charts to be an excellent way to visualize how a transmission line acts, so I've tried to apply them to radiation.

Although I'm putting forward this approach for your comments, keep in mind that it may not necessarily be valid.

Lossy transmission line

With a non-perfect conductor such as aluminum, we might model the shield as a transmission line and use a Smith chart to analyze it. The "block" of aluminum is a lossy transmission line with a charac-

teristic impedance of $\sqrt{\mu/\epsilon}$ where μ is the absolute magnetic permeability, and ϵ is the electric permittivity (dielectric constant is the relative permittivity or the ratio of the absolute permittivity of the material and that of a vacuum).

Due to the conductivity of the aluminum, the characteristic impedance (intrinsic impedance) is very low. However, the input impedance of a short no-loss transmission line with a low characteristic impedance is about the same as the load impedance. If you plot a point anywhere on a Smith chart, then move down the line less than 0.1 wavelengths, the impedance at the second point is about the same as the first.

Assuming the world outside this shielded box can be represented by an infinitely long transmission line with a characteristic impedance of 377 ohms (intrinsic impedance of a vacuum), then our shield transmission line—the sheet of aluminum around the phasor—has a load of 377 ohms. The input impedance of an infinitely long transmission line is its characteristic impedance, independent of the "load" at the end of the infinitely long line.

This 377 ohms then could be "rotated" around the Smith chart an appropriate distance to determine the impedance at the input of the shield transmission line. Two factors affect how we rotate this about the Smith chart.

Velocity in aluminum

The first is the velocity of the electromagnetic wave in the aluminum. The speed of an electromagnetic wave is $1/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$ meter per second. This changes to $C/\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$ if we use relative permeability and permittivity (C is velocity of light in a vacuum).

I do not have the numbers for aluminum, but the velocity of an electromagnetic wave through copper is about 3.22 meters per second. Assuming aluminum is similar, the wave travels very slowly

through the material, causing a 6mm "long" transmission line to be several wavelengths long (1863.354 wavelengths at 1 MHz, using the velocity factor for copper), causing us to "rotate" about the Smith chart several times.

If this line were lossless, the "input impedance" still could be relatively high, since the input impedance of a lossless line "reappears" every half wavelength down the line.

With a 377 ohm load on a lossless line that is some integer multiple of a half wavelength, the input impedance of the line would be 377 ohms, matching the impedance of the free space inside the phasor cabinet. This would allow the wave to propagate through the "shield" with no reflection.

Like a circle in a spiral

The aluminum (or copper) is lossy, however—not a desirable trait for a shield. On a Smith chart, loss in the transmission line is handled by reducing the radius of the (constant SWR) circle an amount corresponding to the loss.

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This turns the circle into a spiral, closing in on the characteristic impedance of the line (the center of the spiral) as we move farther from the load. For aluminum, the signal is attenuated to 1/e for each $0.0814/\sqrt{f}$ meters we go into the aluminum (the "skin depth").

At 1 MHz, the skin depth is 18.4 micrometers. The 1/e corresponds to a loss of about 8.7 dB. Our 6mm-thick aluminum has a loss of about 2,832 dB. By the time the "constant VSWR circle" has spiraled around 3,727 times (each rotation is 0.5 wavelengths) and in 2,832 dB, the input impedance of our line (the chunk of aluminum) is about the same as the characteristic impedance of the line (or the intrinsic impedance of the medium), which is around 2 megohms at an angle of 45 degrees.

The angle is introduced by the loss in the medium (a lossless medium or line has an angle of zero degrees). This phase angle represents the phase between the electric and magnetic fields, where a positive angle indicates the electric field leads the magnetic by this amount at some point in space. The phase angle really is not important in this analogy, however.

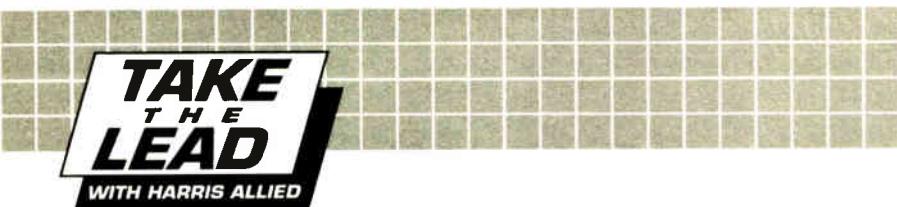
At this point, the aluminum side of a phasor cabinet might be modeled as a transmission line that has a characteristic impedance of 2 megohms, is 1863.354 wavelengths long and has a loss of 2,832 dB.

The "load" on one end of the line is 377 ohms (the free space on the outside of the phasor cabinet).

The impedance seen on the generator side of the line (the inside of the phasor cabinet) is about the same as the characteristic impedance of the line, since the line has so much loss. Inside the phasor cabinet, we have more free space (with its intrinsic impedance of 377 ohms).

We can model the space inside the phasor cabinet as another transmission line with a characteristic impedance of 377 ohms. It is terminated by the impedance at the input of the transmission line that models the aluminum side of the cabinet (2 megohms).

The termination of the 377 ohm line by (continued on page 31)



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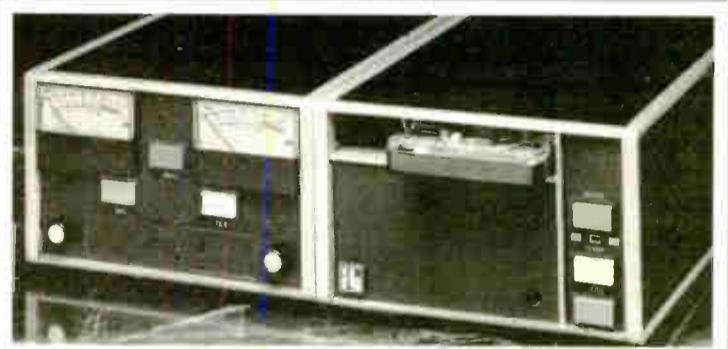
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A Closer Look at AM Antennas

by Tom Osenkowsky

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BROOKFIELD, Conn. I have previously indicated that the phasor designer has several options when trying to attain optimum sideband impedance symmetry and pattern bandwidth.

Figure 1.

Tower Height	Field	Phase	Spacing	Orientation
1	126.2	.437	-139.5	72.2
2	115.0	1.000	0	17.5
3	126.2	.553	+145.5	72.2

Daytime Moment Method Predictions

Tower	Operating Z	Base I / Phase	Power
1	-2016 +j1221	.675	+157.5
2	133.1 +j355.7	6.44	+0
3	44.3 +j381.5	3.02	+138.5

Daytime 1969 Predictions

Tower	Operating Z	Base I / Phase	Power
1	-50.1 +j235.5	4.45	-142.5
2	50.9 +j134	10.2	-3.0
3	22.7 +j35	5.63	+142.5

Let's examine an actual three-tower array. The operating parameters are shown in Figure 1. The base operating impedances were determined by first measuring the self impedance of each radiator with the remaining

two towers floating.

The open towers are not detuned and we must include their effect on the tower being measured. After measuring the self impedances, the transmission lines were "megged" to test for insulation breakdown, water contamination, etc. The electrical lengths were measured using an RF generator and oscilloscope.

Tower 1's line measured 83.7 degrees while Tower 3 measured 101.8 degrees.

In the year 1969

The lines were depicted as being 55 electrical degrees long in the 1969 design. This would be quite difficult, since the phasor is located at Tower 2 and the end tower spacings are 74.4 degrees apart. With the self impedances known, a moment method model is constructed, using slightly

taller heights so that the Z11, Z22 and Z33 self impedances best match the measured values:

$$Z_{11}=Z_{33}=450+j355 \text{ and}$$

$$Z_{22}=126+j262$$

The computer is further used to deter-

mine the drive point impedances, power distribution and base phase angles. It is very important to assume nothing.

You must account for every variable so that the most accurate model can be constructed and the desired results achieved in the field. The process of designing the feeder system now can begin. This is a DA-2 with all towers used for both day and night operation. Towers 1 and 3 originally were used as a DA-1 on 860 kHz, with tower 2 added to complete the "dog-leg" design.

This design goes back to the mid 1960s when computers were not readily available. Using two existing towers; not changing height, spacing or orientation; and adding a third tower to produce drastically different day/night patterns, was quite a task to be done manually. Figure 2 shows the day and night horizontal patterns, while Figure 3 shows the original and new daytime phasor designs.

In 1969, the complex field ratio phase angles were assumed to be the same as the base phase angles. The phase shift of the power divider was assumed to be zero. The phasor was severely field modified in 1969 due to the fact that the impedance predictions were so far off.

Best for a bargain

When new ownership recently took over this station, it had been dark for some time and a new transmitter was purchased. Array efficiency was very poor, line mismatches were present, several deteriorated capacitors were found and pattern bandwidth left much to be desired.

I began the phasor redesign by choosing to quadrature phase Tower 2 for both patterns, since it carried the majority of power. I then iterated about the 90 degree phase value, trying to reuse existing phasor coils and capacitors, while maintaining good pattern and impedance bandwidth.

Tower 1 day has a very high drive point impedance. A single Tee network cannot be used to transform this impedance down to 50 ohms. A parallel

Figure 2 day.

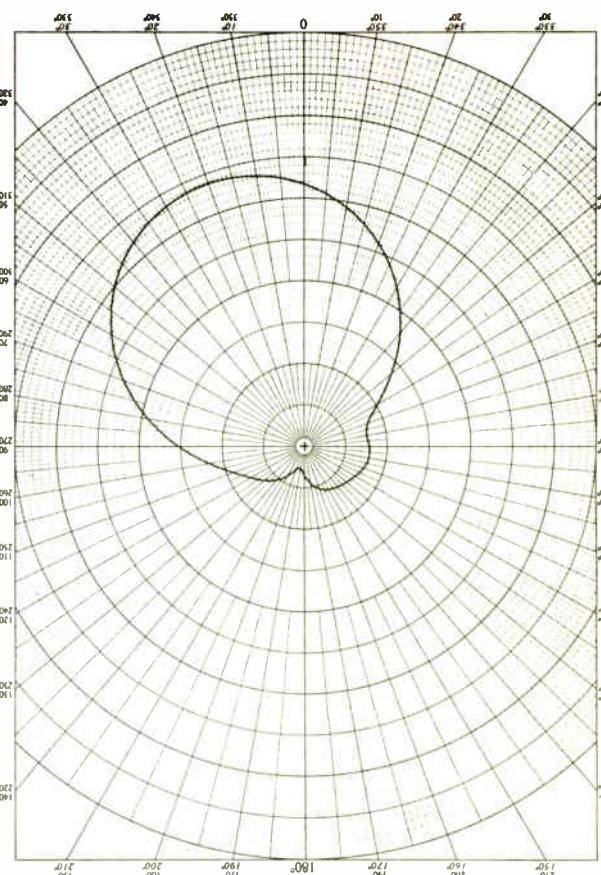
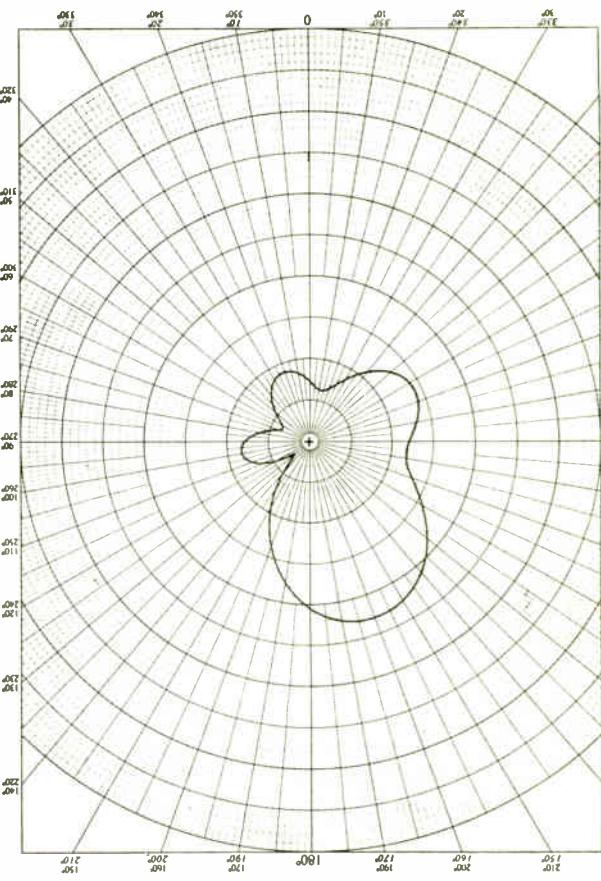


Figure 2 night.



resonant tank circuit can be used here. A 40 to 50 uh coil usually is employed and the tank is resonated to about 80 percent of Fo.

A less expensive method uses a coil shunting the tower to ground. A 40 uh coil was on hand and transforms the 2016+j1221 drive impedance down to 37.2+j317.9. Since this is a negative tower, we subtract the -31.2 degrees of load phase shift (-atn x/r) from the transformed load phase shift of +83.3 degrees.

This leaves us with a conventional +75 degree Tee network and a total network (continued on page 29)

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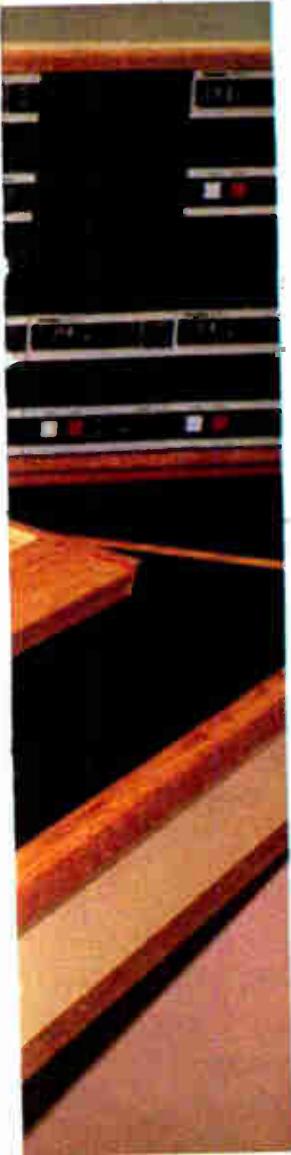
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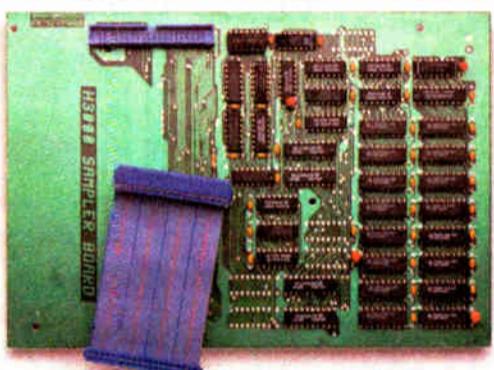
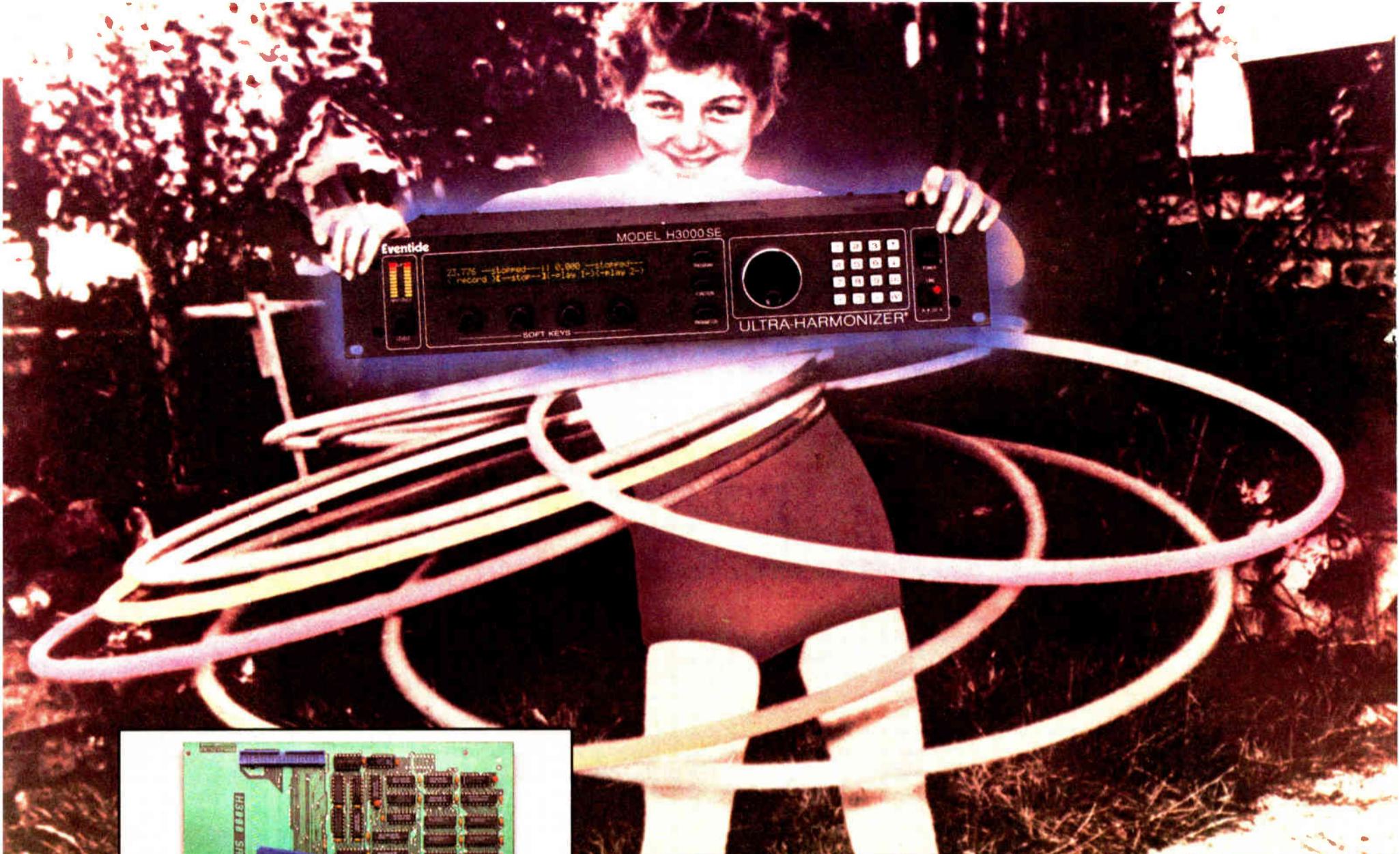


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by Neil Lewbel

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On Sept. 26, 1990, WEBE's morning program, "The Breakfast Show," began from the New Haven, Conn. station of the Metro-North railroad. The morning team—Peter Bush, host; Ken Main, news; Anne Rondepierre, traffic—along with Kevin Plumb, the station's assistant CE, boarded a train with commuters and did the show from the aboard the vehicle until it reached Stamford station.

On and off

While the train stopped at Stamford to allow passengers on and off, the morning team disembarked, carrying all their



Ken Main, WEBE morning news anchor and morning man Peter Bush on board the train.

equipment. They continued the show from the platform at the Stamford station. The train, filled with commuters, continued its trip through Connecticut and then to New York's Grand Central station.

According to David Widmer, WEBE's national sales manager, the idea occurred as a result of a visit to an agency promoting a program to alleviate the severe congestion problems on Connecti-

cut highways.

Widmer indicated that although everyone at the railroad cooperated, the size and bureaucracy of the Metro North organization made planning more difficult than for most remotes. Many people and departments had to be involved and approve the plan before the station could receive permission to do the remote.

The equipment involved in the remote had to be able to be quickly and easily lifted and moved on or off the train. To accomplish this, most of the equipment was mounted in two plastic mail boxes. These are the plastic boxes typically used to carry mail between offices or from a business to the post office.

The audio feed from the remote team was sent back to the studio using a cellular phone.

For an antenna, Plumb went to a radio service shop, where he tried mixing and matching various antennas to find one with the highest possible gain. He came up with an arrangement providing about 5 or 6 dB gain. This antenna was

mounted, using gaffers' tape, on the side of the plastic mailbox with the cellular phone.

The second mailbox was fitted with a Comrex unit and mixer.

A test run was tried on the train about a week before the remote. This test used



WEBE morning man Peter Bush, GM Vince Cremona and Stamford Mayor Tom Serrani took to the tracks for a novel remote.

a cellular phone with the selected antenna. The test found a cell site drop-out in one spot. It was determined the station would make sure to run a commercial or record—to be played back at the studio—when the train went through the area of the drop-out.

On the rails

The remote was done from the train's bar car. The mailbox holding the cellular phone was placed on the countertop next to a window, with the antenna adjacent to the window.

A trickle-type battery charger was used on the train. However, the equipment could not be reliably powered from the locomotive's 110 V power because of power loss experienced by the train in certain areas.

Back in the studio, where all music and spots originated, the audio chain included a Comrex unit, a CBS Audimax and an Orban parametric equalizer.

Each air personality was issued a Uniden cellular phone and several spare

batteries. This way they could contact the studio or other locations as needed.

For off-air program monitors, Sony AM-FM headset monitors were used. A Bose boom box radio also was used.

Ed Butler, WEBE CE, waited at the Stamford station. While the train made its normal stop in Stamford, the team walked off the train carrying all the equipment. In addition to the CE, they also were met by Stamford Mayor Thomas Serrani. The rest of the show was done from the Stamford train station.

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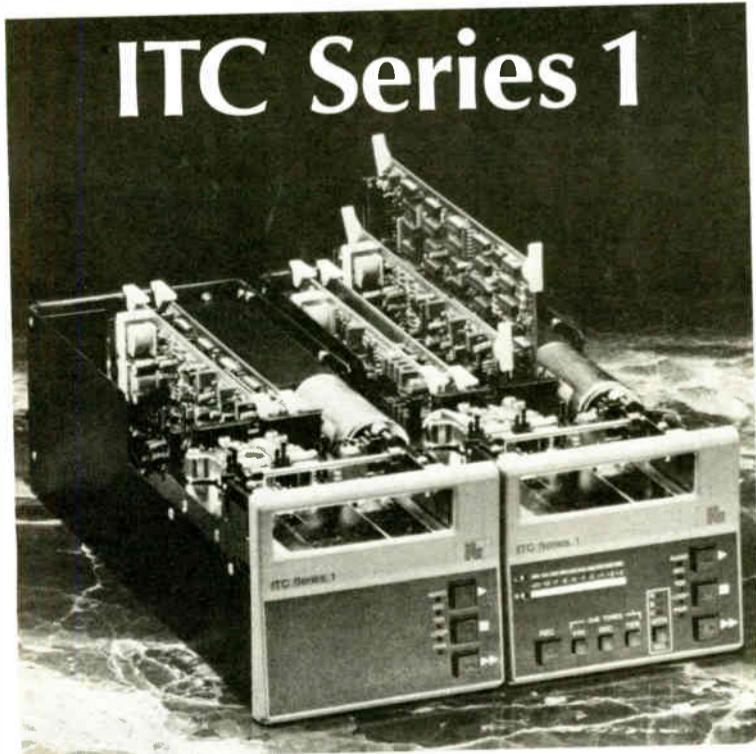
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The Ins and Outs of Digital I/Os

by Mel Lambert

STUDIO CITY, Calif. After my lengthy sojourn into the mysteries of data compression techniques, this time around I would like to return to (possibly) more down-to-earth matters.

This month's column will consider problems we might encounter while interfacing digital equipment, including a certain degree of confusion that some users are experiencing with the newer generation of SCMS-equipped consumer DAT players.

In my various consulting activities for

manufacturers of workstations, editing systems, DAT machines and other digital components, time and time again the one topic that appears to cause the most potential confusion—and frustration—is that of interfacing.

Variety of digital I/Os

As I have mentioned before in these columns, it is unfortunate that our industry still needs to accommodate a variety of digital I/Os, the most prevalent these days being SDIF-2, AES/EBU and IEC 958 Type II formats (the latter sometimes referred to CP-340 or "S/P DIF").

While the SDIF-2 I/O is relatively easy to handle—two BNCs carry left and right channels, with a third carrying a dedicated word-clock/sync signal—AES/EBU and IEC 958 interfaces can pose more of a challenge.

The AES/EBU I/O (which specifies balanced connectors operating at TTL-compatible levels) was intended to provide a reliable, standardized format for passing two-channel digital information over respectable distances. This, however, is not always the case.

Occasionally, you might come across interfaces which, through an oversight on the behalf of some manufacturers (and, it must be conceded, a shortage of suitable interface chips and support parts), do not behave as advertised. Often the problems are as simple as insufficient drive level to handle high capacity cable, and/or the less than optimum connections encountered during a signal's passage through a complex patchbay, for example.

Work currently is being completed by appropriate AES Digital Committees to revise the original AES3-1985 standard, and add—among other things—an important section that will more closely define three "implementations" for the interface.

Not only will these long-awaited refinements allow users and manufacturers alike to more accurately predict the way in which professional-format interfaces should behave in real-world situations, they also will pave the way for additional capabilities.

Operational funnies

But minor operational "funnies" exhibited by AES/EBU I/Os are nothing compared to the problems many of us are experiencing with variants of the unbalanced/low-level digital interfaces bearing the designations "S/P DIF," CP-340 and IEC 958 Type II.

Although the original format was developed and implemented by several Japanese and European consumer

manufacturers, it soon began to appear on professional equipment—or more realistically, on hardware that was designed primarily for use by consumers, but which soon found its way into broadcast facilities.

With care, attention and the use of short, high-quality cables, these consumer-based interfaces can be used to transfer data between units from the same manufacturer. Still, they do not enjoy the same degree of universal application currently enjoyed by SDIF-2 and AES/EBU I/Os.

And the recent introduction of the Serial Copy Management System (SCMS) within all consumer DAT machines destined for sale within the U.S. has only added to the confusion. SCMS is designed to control the number of digital-to-digital DAT copies a consumer can make from CDs, pre-recorded DAT tapes and other material via IEC 958-format "consumer use" I/Os.

DIGITAL DOMAIN

In essence, only one serial (or generational) digital-to-digital copy can be made from a copyright protected source, such as a commercial CD or pre-recorded DAT. SCMS does not affect the ability to make copies using a DAT machine's analog inputs and outputs, nor does it apply to digital-to-digital copies made via the AES/EBU digital I/O.

The SCMS scheme involves four complementary stages, including encoding the appropriate SCMS IDs onto a commercial audio recording, signifying the copyright protection and its generational status; detecting SCMS IDs by a consumer CD player, DAT deck and other playback systems and setting appropriate bits in the output via an IEC "consumer use" digital port.

Reception and detection of the SCMS information codes is accomplished by a consumer DAT recorder from the bit-stream input, via an IEC 958 port. Finally, the consumer DAT machine acts upon the SCMS information and either prevents or enables digital copying, and simultaneously records the correct SCMS codes onto the DAT copy.

Several data bits

The SCMS Status is carried across the IEC "consumer use" interface as a combination of several data bits within the Channel Status.

SCMS circuits in a consumer DAT machine analyze the various combinations of data bits, and determine whether the digital data being input via the IEC "consumer use" interface is a pre-recorded copyright protected source, or a digital-to-digital copy of that material. In the former case, SCMS allows one more copy to be made, while in the latter it disables record mode.

So far so good, because most of the latest-generation professional DAT machines equipped with IEC-format I/Os differ in one important respect. Even though these decks currently are equipped with SCMS circuitry, they do not mute when a copyright-protected digital bitstream is encountered.

So, we can still use IEC-format I/Os featured on CD players, workstations and other DAT machines to perform multiple-generational digital-to-digital transfers without problems (which

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Analyzing AM Antenna Arrays

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phasing of +127.3 degrees. Figure 4 shows the new versus old feed line VSWRs and predicted sideband parameters.

Tower 1 is now properly returning 919 W back to the power divider, the station's signal no longer tears up in the null areas and the measured fields are significantly increased.

Even power distribution

Let's examine an actual two-tower array, again illustrating the effect of changing the reference tower phasing. Figure 5 compares the results. The base parameters for Tower 2 are .874/+134.5

degrees as calculated by the moment method.

Even though these are 90 degree towers, the complex field ratios are not equivalent to the complex base ratios. This is due, in part, to the 60 degree spacing between the towers. Notice that design number 1 produces an incredible VSWR of 31.5:1 on Tower 2's transmission line at the lower sideband.

I chose this particular reference tower phasing to illustrate the point that careful choice of design parameters can yield superior results, many times without the need to purchase a single new component.

For those who might have believed

quadrature phasing the low power tower to achieve stability by virtue of the properties of a quarter wave line, you need to consider the entire picture. This design would not produce good audio quality at all, let alone AM stereo.

Design number 2 produces much better pattern bandwidth and line VSWRs. Treatment of the transformed common point impedance using line stretchers has been previously covered.

Remember, when dealing with sideband symmetry, a flat or symmetrical load must be placed at the final amplifier inside the transmitter and not necessarily at the transmitter antenna terminals.

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Figure 3 old design.

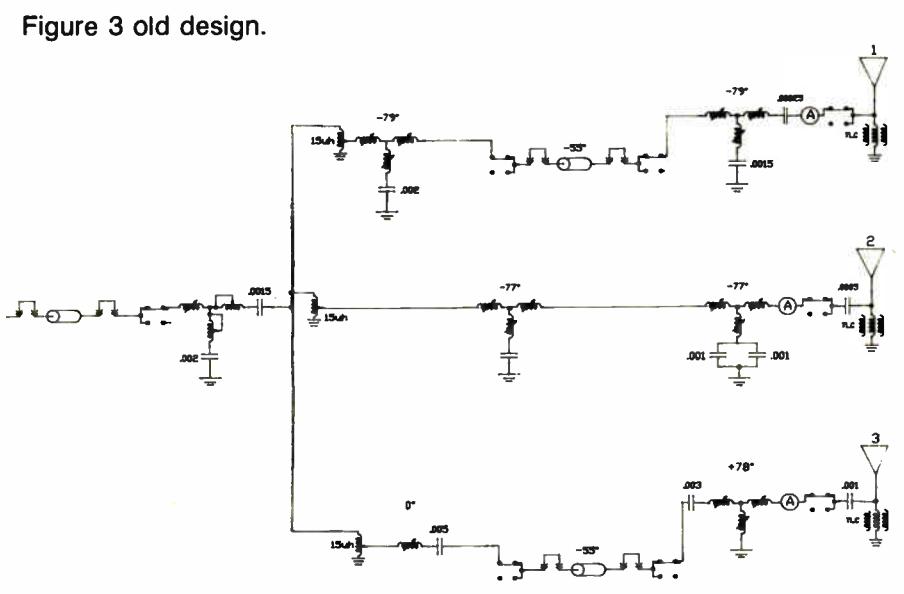
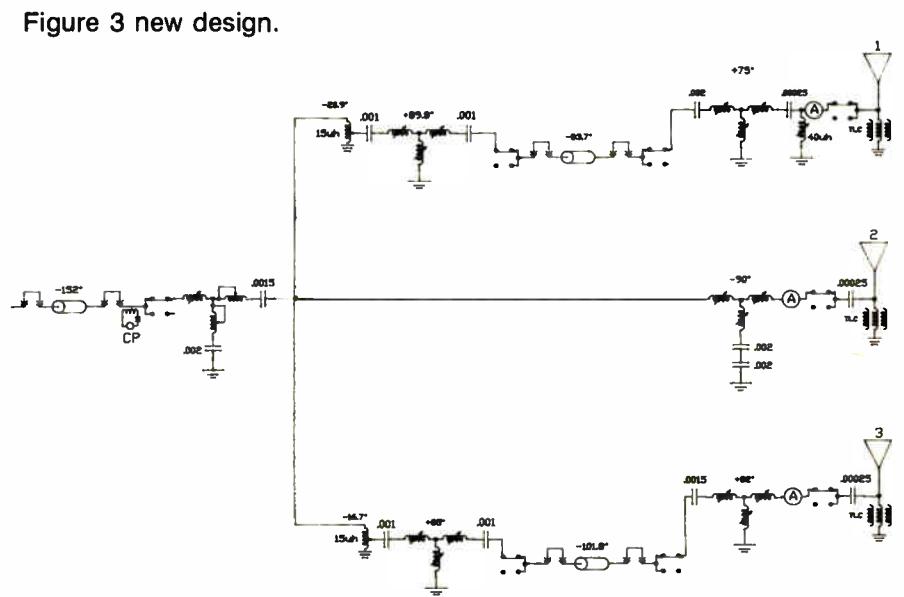


Figure 3 new design.



The Perils of Interfacing

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would not be the case with consumer hardware).

Where we can still run into minor difficulties, however, is while attempting to transfer digital material from a newer-generation pro-DAT machine to one of the older digital processors that feature S/P DIF I/O connections.

I know of at least one instance where a producer wanted to transfer a master recording from DAT to a Sony PCM-601 processor ("F1" videotape-based format), but soon discovered that the SCMS data within the bitstream was identical to an anti-copying flag recognized by the 601—with inevitable results.

It is a fact of life that we will need to live with such anomalies and format inconsistencies until all recording, editing and processing hardware is provided with fully-implemented AES/EBU ports, and/or manufacturers can agree on other standard techniques for transferring data reliably between various components in an all-digital broadcast and production facility.

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Figure 4.

Sideband Complex Field Ratios and Feeder VSWR

Tower	1370 kHz	1380 kHz	1390 kHz
1	.395/-138.8	.437/-139.5	.483/-140.8
2	1.00/0.0	1.00/0.0	1.00/0.0
3	.583/+147.4	.553/+145.5	.524/+144.3

Freq	Line 1	ATU 2	Line 3
1370	1.39:1	1.12:1	1.02:1
1390	1.44:1	1.12:1	1.02:1

Figure 5.

Design #1

Tower	Branch Phasing	Operating Z	Power
1	-232	38.7 +j88.9	871
2	-97.5	7.46 +j31.9	129

Freq	Field Ratio	Line VSWR
1560	.665/+137	1.26:1/31.5:1
1570	.776/+137.6	1.00:1/1.00:1
1580	.782/+127.8	1.33:1/1.87:1

Design #2

Tower	Branch Phasing	Operating Z	Power
1	-180	38.7 +j88.9	871
2	-45.5	7.46 +j31.9	129

Freq	Field Ratio	Line VSWR
1560	.754/+136.1	1.23:1/1.02:1
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More on MS Miking Methods

by Bruce Bartlett

ELKHART, Ind. Mid-side (MS) stereo miking is a popular method used by radio station engineers to record concerts for later broadcast. We've covered MS in previous issues of **RW**.

Here are some new ideas on MS miking, based on a recent conversation with Ed Kelly, who has enhanced past columns with his stereo miking experiences.

Suppose you plan to record an orchestra concert with an MS stereo micro-

You might prefer a bidirectional pattern because it provides warm, spacious reproduction of the hall acoustics. So you set the mid pattern to bidirectional, and are pleased with the stereo effect.

But then the audience shows up for the concert. Their applause, coughs and chair squeaks are picked up in opposite polarity (out-of-phase) between channels. And if you sum the stereo channels to mono, the applause drops in level and sounds hollow.

Why does this happen? Large segments of the stereo pickup pattern are of opposite polarity. To see why, take a look at Figure 1. It shows a bidirectional mid element aiming forward, and a bidirectional side element aiming to the sides.

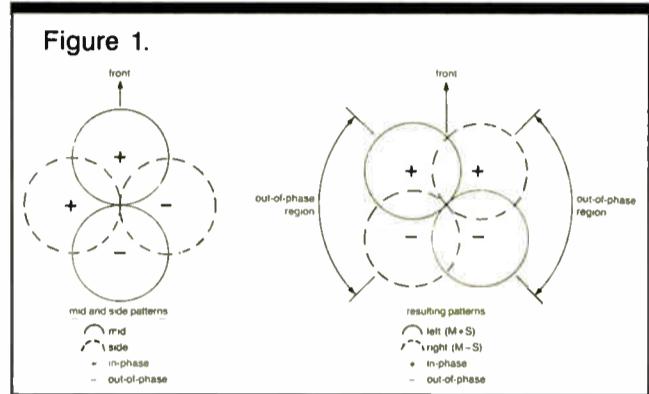
When you run these through an MS matrix, you get a bidirectional pattern aiming 45 degrees left, and another bidirectional pattern aiming 45 degrees

right. Note that each pattern has a front lobe and a rear lobe, and these lobes are opposite polarity. The left-rear pickup is out-of-phase with the front-right pickup, and vice versa. So there are two 90 degrees arcs, one on each side, where

phone. To determine good mic placement, you first record a rehearsal.

Choose any pattern

How should the mid polar pattern be set? Some MS microphones let you choose any pattern for the mid element.



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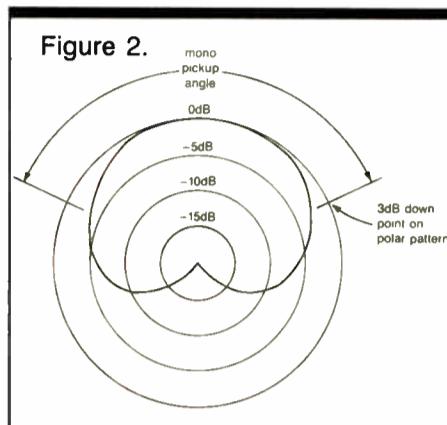


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the sound pickup is out-of-phase. Much of the audience exists in these arcs, so the audience sounds are reproduced out-of-phase.

This out-of-phase audience pickup sounds diffuse and directionless. If you



sum both channels to mono, the audience noise partially cancels out.

For these reasons, using a bidirectional mid capsule is not recommended when recording a live concert. Also, many radio stations check the quality of in-house recordings made for broadcast, and may reject a recording if it contains excessive out-of-phase components.

Mid capsule without audience

Ed Kelly often prefers to use a bidirectional mid capsule at sessions without an audience. The recorded hall reverberation is out-of-phase and pleasantly spacious, while the direct sound of the orchestra is in-phase and sharply localized. The reverberation forms a "halo" wider than the speaker spacing, so it is spatially separate from the coherent images of the musical instruments.

LINE OUT

Let's consider another aspect of MS miking: its relation to XY miking. A mid-side pair is equivalent to an XY pair, which is a coincident pair of directional microphones angled apart. However, the MS microphone cannot simulate any desired XY polar pattern at any desired angle.

For example, you can't use MS to simulate two cardioids crossed at 90 degrees. When the mid-side signals are matrixed, the resulting polar patterns and the angle between their axes are inextricably linked in a fixed relationship.

In an earlier column, I suggested that using a stereo microphone to pick up a single person speaking made little sense. Since most speech pickups are dry (free of reverb) and a person talking is a point source, stereo speech recording isn't too effective.

But here's an instance of where it worked. Ed Kelly recorded an on-stage speech by John Cage presented in front of an audience. Cage did not walk around; he sat in a chair next to an antique table and lamp. Kelly mounted a Neumann RSM-190 stereo shotgun mic out of camera view on a shock-mounted stand two feet away.

Even with the mic at two feet, the resulting recording had excellent articulation. The stereo effect made it easier to understand what Cage was saying by

spatially separating his voice from the hall reverberation. Turning up the side signal in the stereo mic was like turning on an exciter; it added a lifelike quality absent in mono.

Kelly turned up the side signal only a little, in order to keep Cage's voice from jumping from speaker to speaker when he moved.

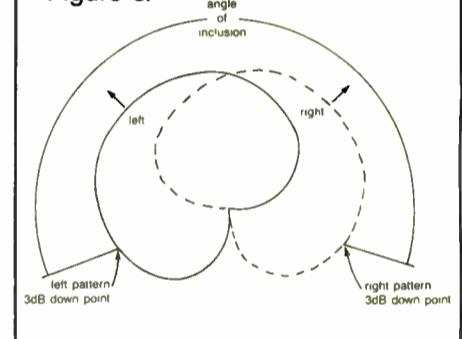
Three other factors

Let's consider three other factors in MS stereo miking that are important to your work: mono angle of acceptance, stereo angle of acceptance and stereo angle of in-phase pickup.

The *mono angle of acceptance* of a microphone is the angle between the 3-dB-down points of the polar pattern (Figure 2). It is an arc that provides efficient pickup of frontal sound. For example, in a cardioid pattern, the output is 3 dB down at 65 degrees either side off axis. So the mono pickup angle is 130 degrees.

Suppose you take two directional mics and angle them apart to record in XY stereo. The *stereo angle of acceptance* is the angle between the far-left and far-right 3 dB down points of both mics (Figure 3). For two cardioids crossed at 90 degrees, the stereo angle of acceptance is 130 degrees plus 90 degrees, or 210 degrees.

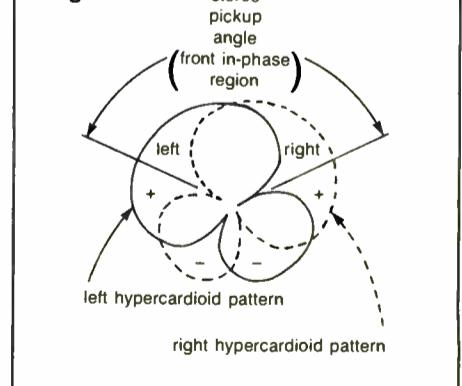
Figure 3.



Kelly says that two crossed cardioids accept reverberation from a wide angle of acceptance, but "cram" the reverb into a small angle during reproduction over two speakers. Although the mic pair is picking up most of the hall reverb over a broad 210 degrees angle, this reverb is reproduced inside a 60 degrees speaker angle. The result is a confined sense of ambience.

Another important concept in stereo miking is the *in-phase pickup angle*. This

Figure 4.



is the angle in which sound sources are picked up with the same polarity in both channels.

Why are there any out-of-phase areas? Some supercardioid, hypercardioid and bidirectional polar patterns have a rear lobe that is out-of-phase with the front lobe. The left-channel rear lobe is out-of-phase with the right-channel front lobe. A sound source in some positions

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Transmission Lines And EM Radiation

(continued from page 20) the 2 megohm load results in almost all of the signal being reflected and very little being transmitted. About .001 percent of the signal (voltage or current) is transmitted across the air to aluminum boundary while the remainder (about 100 percent) is reflected back into the cabinet.

Finally, that portion of the signal that is transmitted is attenuated 2,832 dB before getting to the outside of the sheet of aluminum.

At that point, the signal finds the free space outside the phasor cabinet, which again has an intrinsic impedance of 377 ohms. This 377 ohms is a severe mismatch for the 2 megohm line, resulting in transmission of about .001 percent of the signal into the space surrounding the phasor, with the remainder reflected back into the aluminum, where it is eventually dissipated (it loses 2,832 dB each time it goes from one side to the other).

Possible problem areas

I have not seen Smith charts applied to transmission of electromagnetic radiation through a medium before (having only used them for analysis of transmission lines). The similarities between radiation and transmission lines seemed to be too much to pass up.

I don't know if the analogy is really any good, so I look forward to your comments. Problem areas in the analogy include the modeling of just an E field or an H field generator. I'd be tempted to model an E field generator (a conductor with a high RF voltage on it) as an ideal voltage source. An H field generator (typically a coil carrying RF current) could be modeled as an ideal current source.

However, if we have a very long 377 ohm transmission line and drive it with either a voltage source or a current

source, the voltage will be 377 times the current everywhere on the line.

In EM radiation, however, the E/H ratio changes as we go down the line (getting farther from the radiator), eventually reaching 377 in the far field. My analogy seems to fall apart here.

I noticed similarities between radiation and transmission lines.

As I was discussing the ANSI limits on radiation with various people, it became unclear to me exactly how a conductive shield encloses a varying magnetic field. I did see similarities between radiation and transmission lines.

There also is a similarity between optical index, intrinsic impedance and characteristic impedance. Optical density is similar to a transmission line velocity factor. Further reading through my old textbooks (from about 20 years ago) reinforced these similarities.

I've always thought Smith charts provided a very good way of visualizing how a transmission line works, so I transferred these ideas (perhaps without validity) to radiation.

Next month we'll finish off this discussion with suggested actions you can take to insure your station meets the ANSI specifications.

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More on MS Miking

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might be picked up by the front lobe of one channel and the rear lobe of the other channel.

During reproduction, the sound source is out-of-phase and hard to localize.

Minimum pickup

The polar patterns mentioned above have "nulls" of minimum pickup at a certain angle. The in-phase pickup angle is the angle between the front-aiming nulls of each polar pattern (Figure 4). Within this angle, images are sharp and in-phase. Outside this angle, images are diffuse and out-of-phase.

Be sure to keep your sound sources within the in-phase pickup angle to prevent phase-related localization problems.

You don't have to work this out on graph paper when you record. Just set up your MS mic with the desired mid pattern and M/S ratio. Record yourself speaking in various positions: at the left side of the orchestra, half left, center, half right and far right.

Play back the recording. If the MS mic is set up properly, you should hear your voice coming from the left speaker when

you're at the left side of the orchestra. Other positions should correspond as well.

If your voice sounds phasey at extreme left or right positions, you went past the in-phase pickup angle. Make the mid element more omnidirectional and try again. Or move the mic farther away.

The stereo spread is the reproduced stage width, the distance between left-side and right-side images. If the stereo spread is narrow—not reaching from one speaker to the other—turn up the side signal.

If you hear a hole in the middle, or if half-left speech sounds full left and half-right speech sounds full right, you have too much stereo separation. Turn down the side signal a little and try again.

As we've seen, mid-side requires some knowledge to use properly. But the mid-side method is very flexible and mono-compatible, making it a highly effective tool for stereo miking.

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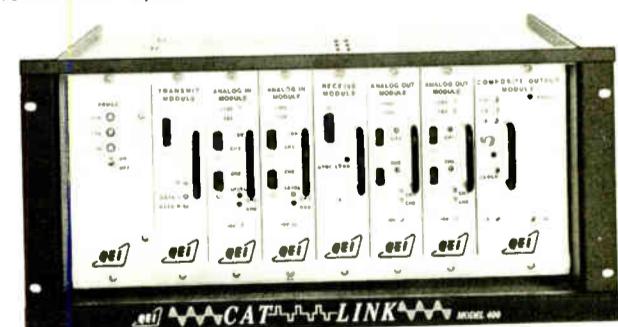
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Radio Frequency Amp Design Considerations

This is the 11th in a 12-part series called Amplifier Fundamentals. Northern Virginia Community College will offer 1.2 CEUs (continuing education units) to registered students who successfully complete the course and an examination mailed at its conclusion.

by Ed Montgomery

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Annandale, Va. Amplifier design requires that the components operate in such a manner that the amplifier faithfully reproduces the input signal at a greater output level.

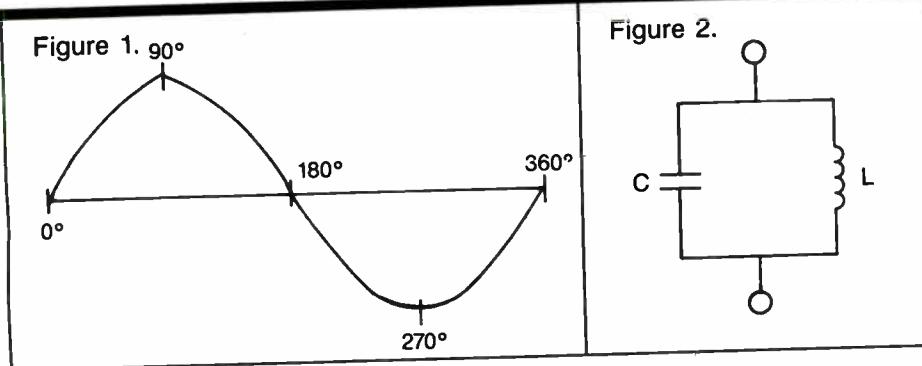
Audio amplifiers must be designed to introduce the least amount of distortion into the amplification chain. This is not an easy task, especially when operating within the linear area of the vacuum tube or transistor.

Converting analog information to a digital code initially introduces distortion, but further introduction of distortion

these problems, but after manufacture they can occur when passive components within the amplifier fail.

Radio frequency power amplifiers usually operate in a non-linear region. Figure 1 illustrates a sine wave. A class "A" amplifier will have current flowing through it for the entire 360 degree cycle of the wave.

The number of cycles per second is the frequency of the wave measured in Hertz. Class "B" amplifiers will conduct current for only 180 degrees of the cycle; class "C" amplifiers conduct current for less than 180 degrees and class "D" amplifiers conduct current for only a few degrees around the 90 degree location of the illustrated sine wave. When not passing



tion is limited. It is much easier to design an amplifier that operates at cut-off and saturation rather than within the linear region.

Radio frequency amplifiers also suffer from added distortion in their design. Harmonic and spurious radiation can be produced. Harmonic radiation is a radio frequency signal produced at odd and even multiples and divisions of the amplifier's operating frequency.

Spurious radiation is energy amplified at any frequency not related to any harmonic. Amplifier designs can eliminate

any signal, the amplifier is considered to be in the "off" mode, not using any power.

The output of this amplifier is extremely distorted, but when its load is a resonant circuit, the entire sine wave is reproduced. This is known as the "flywheel effect."

Figure 2 is a parallel resonant circuit. It exhibits a high impedance and high voltage output. It often is referred to as a "tank circuit" because it appears to absorb energy and keep it within the coil and capacitor.

When a pulse of energy enters this circuit, as it would from a class "B," "C," or "D" amplifier, the coil will have a surge of current through it creating a magnetic field around it. When the pulse of energy begins to decay, the magnetic field begins to collapse, inducing a reverse voltage in the coil and sending energy to the capacitor. This, in turn, charges up, creating an electrostatic field.

Once the charging of the capacitor is complete, it begins to discharge, sending its energy back to the coil.

This would go on forever if it were not for resistance, which will ultimately use up the energy in the circuit. If the amplifier receives a continuous chain of

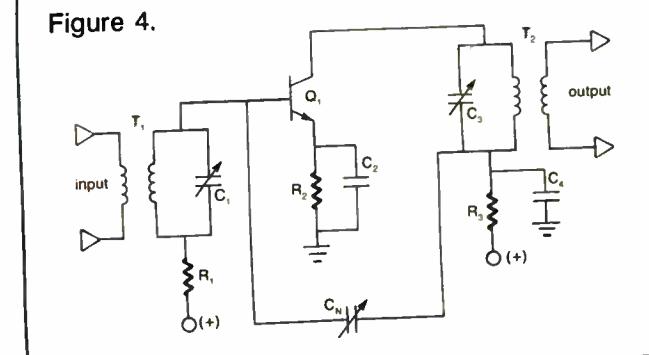
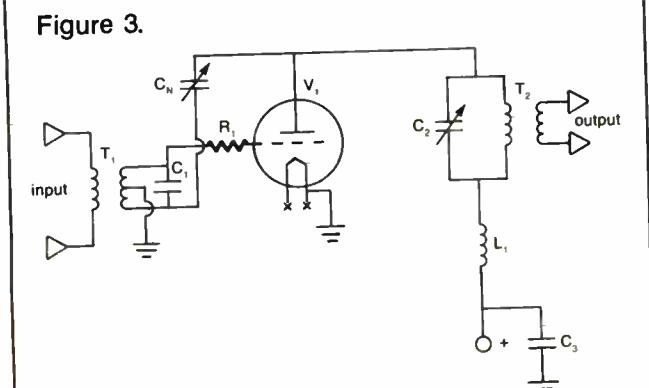
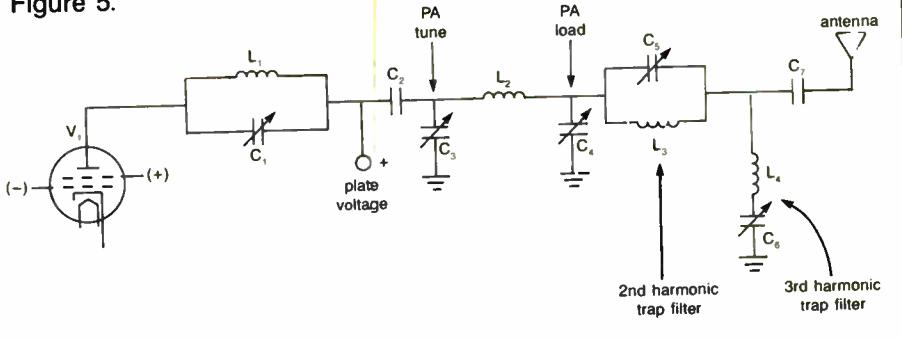


Figure 5.



pulses, it will produce a continuous sine wave at its output.

It is economically efficient for a radio frequency amplifier to operate at several thousand volts and several amperes for only a portion of the sine wave cycle, permitting the resonant circuit to restore the entire signal.

Interelectrode capacitance within the vacuum tube or transistor can cause a portion of the amplifier output to be injected back into the input circuitry. This is known as regeneration, and can result in the radiation of unwanted frequencies.

Regeneration can be countered through neutralization or coupling a small portion of the output signal back to the input. Figures 3 and 4 illustrate neutralization in amplifiers containing a vacuum tube and a transistor.

Neutralization is accomplished by energizing the input tank circuits—in this instance T₁—and shutting off the

plate or collector voltage to the RF amplifier. The output tank circuit is then tuned for maximum radiation.

This will indicate that the vacuum tube or transistor is indeed passing on a signal even though it is not amplifying anything. The neutralization capacitor C_N then is adjusted until the output of the non-operating amplifier is nulled (minimized).

Figure 5 is an illustration of a transmitter's output. Resonant circuit L₁, C₁ is an adjustment to establish maximum amplifier efficiency. C₃ tunes the amplifier for maximum output and C₄ adjusts for maximum transfer of power to the antenna (load).

Resonant circuits C₅, L₃ and L₄, C₆ are circuits designed to eliminate harmonic radiation by prohibiting them from reaching the antenna.

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The Right Amount of Clipping

by John "Q" Shepler

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Clipping has acquired a certain stigma from clippers that don't work very well and from heavy-handed clipping levels. Often, it is difficult to distinguish the ar-

tifacts of improper clipping from other problems in your audio chain.

This column will discuss what you can expect from properly and improperly adjusted clippers. First, though, we have to create a signal capable of being clipped without disintegrating.

How to prepare your signal

Distortion is cumulative. Two percent distortion in a tape dub plus another couple percent through the processor plus two percent clipping is the same as clipping a clean CD at six percent. Strictly speaking, distortions in various

pieces of equipment can counterbalance each other. Most of the time, though, it seems like they conspire to give the worst possible effect.

This means that the best sound you can create will come from having a scrupulously clean audio chain right up to the transmitter processing. The only distortion will then be the result of adding power to the audio.

Forget trying to see distortion on a scope. Buy at least a THD (total harmonic distortion) meter and preferably an audio analyzer that will measure THD and IM (intermodulation) types of distortion. Strive to get your chain under 0.1 percent from microphone input to processor input.

By the way, you don't have to spend a fortune on test equipment. It is still possible to buy used Heathkit and B&K test sets, consisting of low distortion sine wave generators and THD distortion meters, for a couple of hundred bucks or less. Check the used equipment ads.

Comparing limiters and clippers

Common wisdom says that you want to use as little clipping as possible. The manuals state that clippers, especially simple diodes, are for "overshoot protection only." Following this advice may produce a sonic effect exactly opposite of what you are trying to achieve.

Surprising as it may seem, a clipped signal may sound less distorted than a limited signal. This is exactly the opposite from what your instruments will say when measuring the distortion of an audio processor. That's because a clipper is a static device. It clips any waveform with any frequency at exactly the same level every time.

A limiter circuit is an active device and works differently. Most limiters, by today's definition, are servo circuits that operate by feeding back part of the output signal to adjust the gain of the amplifier.

Feed a large sine wave into a limiter and the circuit will generate a large DC control signal that will reduce the stage gain until the output is reduced to a preset level. After this is done, the output will look exactly like the input. The waveform wasn't affected. Only the amplitude is adjusted to control the signal. A steady tone will even be measured as having fairly low distortion.

This makes it seem like the limiter is the more desirable device. It certainly seems to be less brutal to the audio signal. What is not so well understood is that limiters create a different type of distortion.

To limit a signal, a limiter has to be adjusting peak amplitudes very fast. You could say that the limiter is riding gain on the waveform so that the peaks never exceed the limiting threshold. Now if you are riding gain very fast, in microseconds or milliseconds, isn't that the same as amplitude modulating the signal at the speed of the limiter?

In fact, any high speed compressor or limiter will distort the audio by constantly adjusting the amplitude. The program audio that comes out of a processor certainly is not what went in. If you doubt this, use

a two-channel scope to monitor the input and output of your favorite processor.

What you really want to do is substitute clipping for part of your present processing scheme. Substitute, don't just add more processing. If you try to just add clipping on top of everything else, you probably will wind up with a slightly louder but worse-sounding signal.

How to adjust your clipper

Comparing the effects of clipping and limiting is easiest on processors that have both methods available as front panel adjustments. Turn down the limiting and turn up the clipping at the same time. You should hear the signal begin to open up. It should sound more spacious and less like a solid wall of sound.

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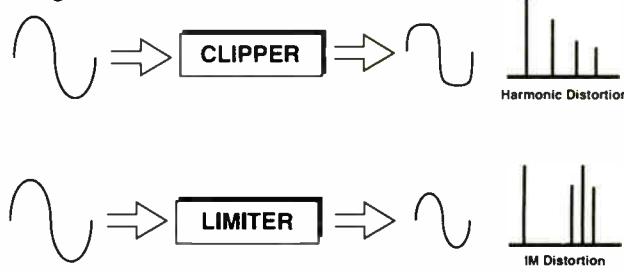
TIPS

How does too much clipping sound? The first tell-tale effect is that voices will start to sound raspy. Music will start to sound harsh or biting on the loudest passages. The announcers will develop a lisp they didn't have yesterday. These effects will fade away as you turn down the input to the clipper.

There are some even more drastic effects of overclipping that can get you in trouble with the law.

Generally, clipping is used as the last processing stage to catch any remaining peaks before the transmitter sees them. Consequently, if you clip hard into an AM transmitter or on your FM composite, the distortion products will modu-

Figure 1.



late the transmitter and cause your signal to splatter. Be very careful if your clipping processor does not have preset limits or warning lights to help you avoid creating splatter.

You also should realize that older AM transmitters don't have the transient response to handle sharply clipped waveforms. They ring and distort, causing overmodulation. Some modulation transformers can even overheat due to higher average power. If your transmitter can't handle a sharp edge, back off the clipping.

Having passed along those warnings, I'd like to encourage you to experiment with the ratio of compression/limiting to clipping and see if there is some adjustment that gives you a loud signal that retains the audio qualities you expect from high fidelity sources like CDs and DAT tapes.

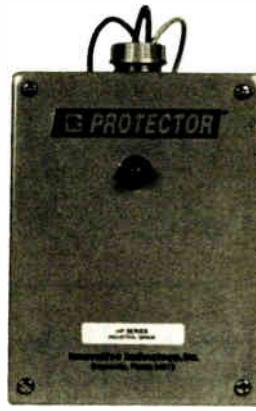
Use just a nibble of clipping to control those modulation peaks. Then turn down the heavy level control imposed by fast compression and limiting. You may be surprised at how good a clipper can sound.

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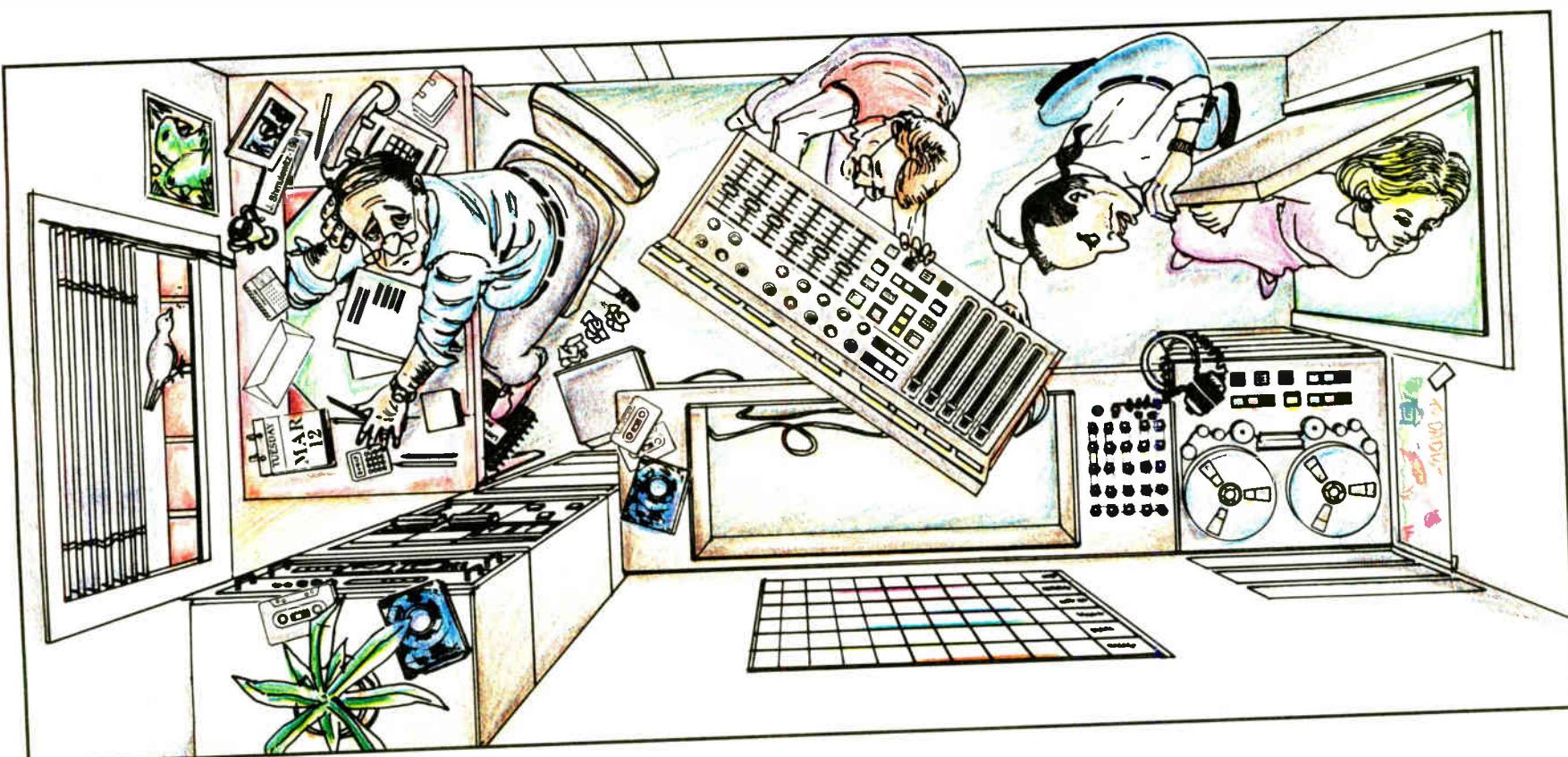
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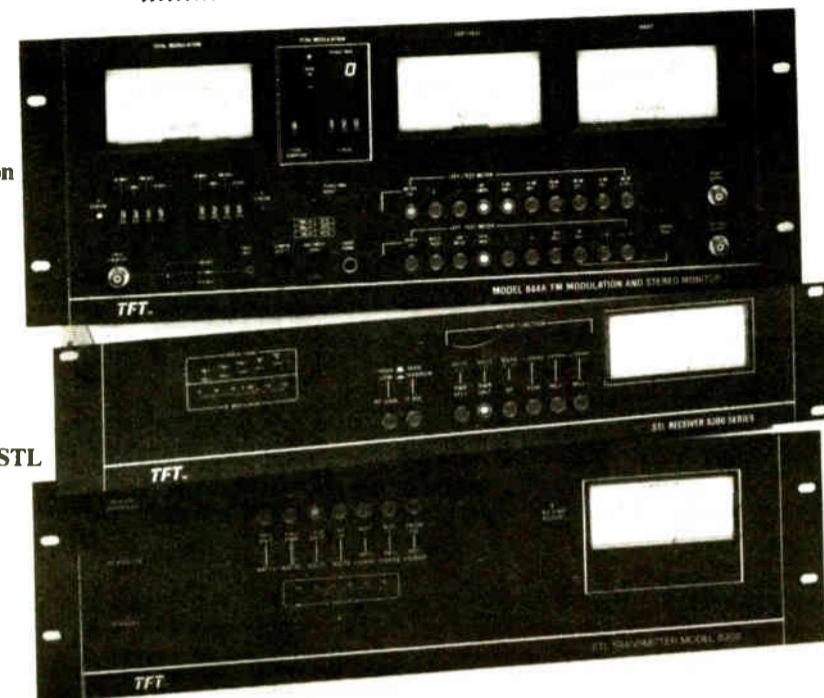
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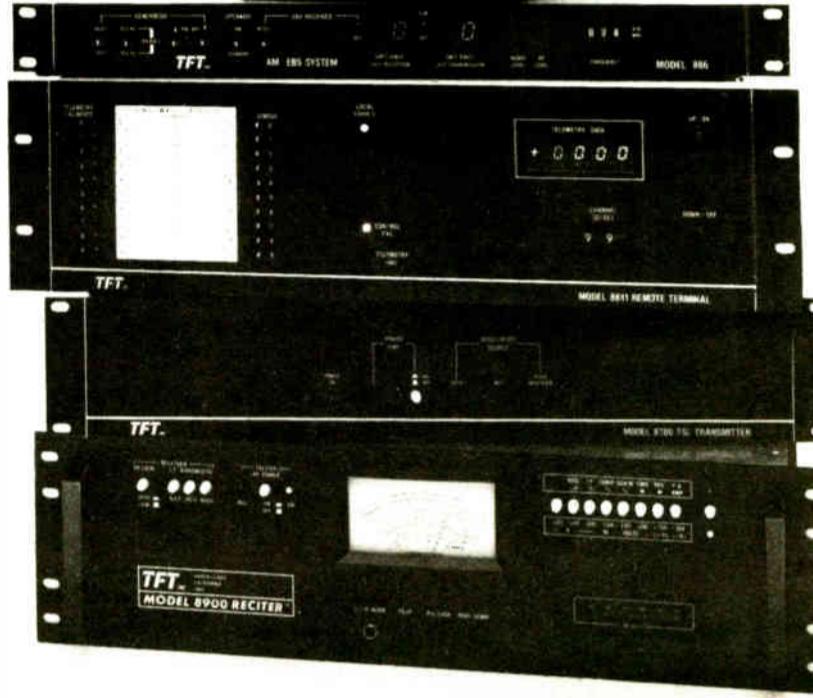
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Licensing by Live Auction

by Lex Felker

WASHINGTON Many observers have described the comparative licensing process as a "private auction." The typical case, though, has involved a rather conventional transaction in which the surviving (or winning) applicant has paid the others to dismiss their applications.

In one especially intriguing case, however, the licensing process really was an auction. The case was actually resolved among the parties some time ago, but has become final only recently. Involving a dozen and a half competing applicants, the situation was, in fact, resolved through a live auction.

Historical profit prohibition

Although the FCC's rules governing the selection of new broadcast permittees have changed over the years, one doctrine that had remained in place for more than three decades was a prohibition on settling parties profiting from withdrawing their applications.

A 1982 Communications Act amendment (and subsequent Commission policy change), however, made it lawful for settling parties to receive compensation greater than their out-of-pocket expenses.

Through two separate decisions, the Commission now has decided to reapply the restriction on for-profit payoffs. In 1989, the agency acted to stop the common (and highly lucrative) practice of filing, and then dismissing (for a payment), a competing application that challenged the license renewal of an existing broadcaster.

In a move that, in many respects, paralleled the earlier decision, the Commission in December imposed similar restrictions on parties competing for a new broadcast construction permit. The goal in this instance was to eliminate the financial incentive in filing "speculative" applications, thereby reducing the FCC's workload and speeding the licensing process.

The Commission's new rules will not become operative immediately, however. The agency delayed the effective date until late March, partly because approval must be obtained from the Office of Management and Budget.

But this more than 90-day delay also gives existing applicants a "grace period" in which to settle their cases under the old, more financially favorable rules. The agency hopes that bringing down the curtain in this fashion will encourage many comparative applicants to come to terms with one another.

From what I hear, settlement activity has picked up substan-

tially in recent weeks.

To return to the topic of the licensing auction, it is important

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to note that there have been some variations on this theme, including cases involving parties that had not applied for the permit originally. Sometimes, auc-

tions are used to sell an operating broadcast facility.

But this particular case is the first I know of in which a live auction was employed in a new licensing case.

Committee was formed

As I understand it, after the concept had been raised at an applicant negotiating session, a committee was formed to work out the details, including the important matter of minimum

levels of compensation.

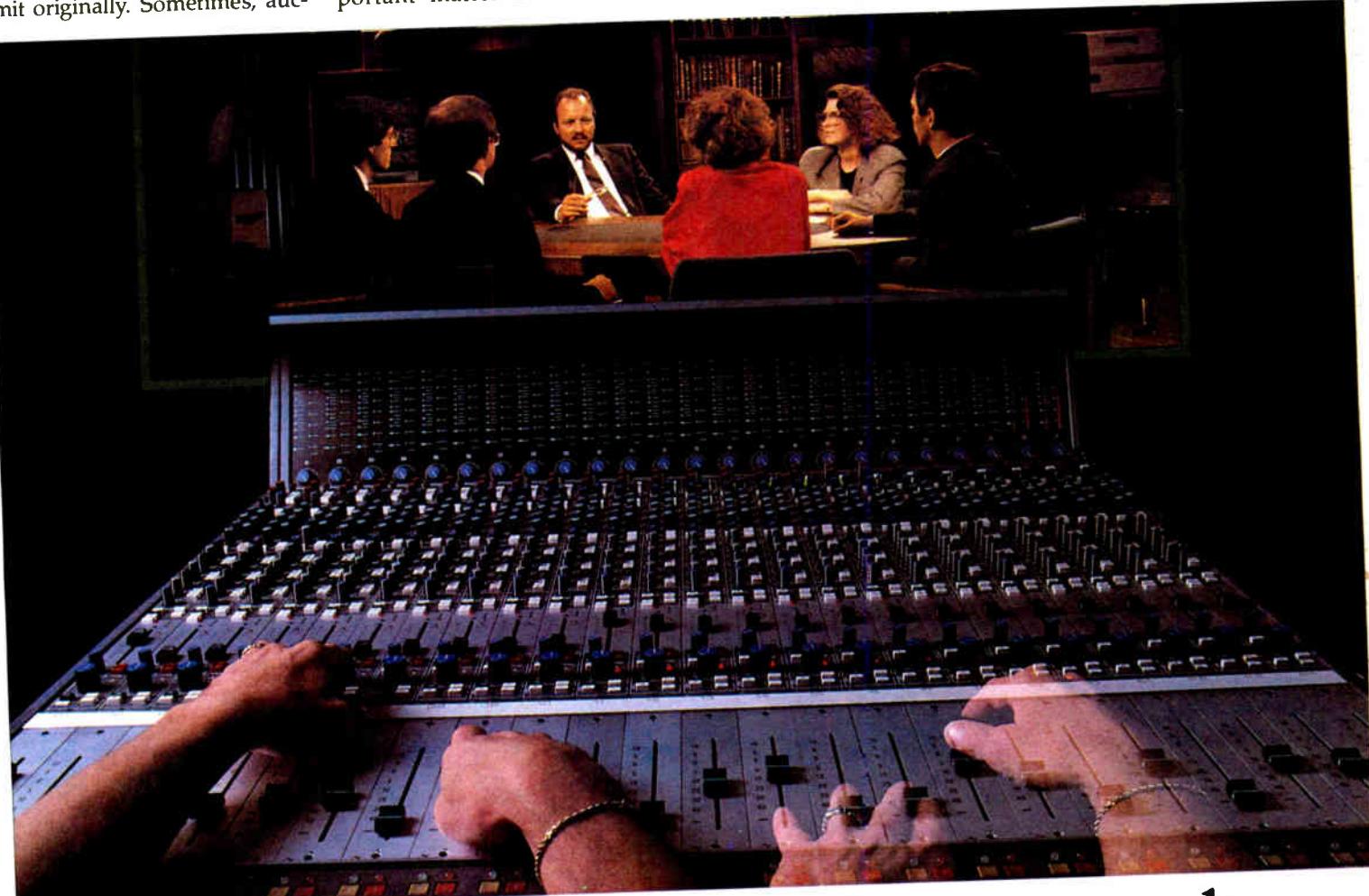
The committee's plan was approved, an auctioneer (a well-known member of the communications bar) was retained and the auction was held. With the grant of the permit now final, station construction is expected to be completed; the station is to be on the air before the end of this year.

The special circumstances surrounding this case—especially the large number of applicants who were seriously interested in constructing and operating a broadcast station—suggest to me that a settlement may not have been achieved in any other fashion, and conditions may never

warrant using this approach again.

It is expected that, under the FCC's new policies, far fewer applicants will compete for particular construction permits and that the duration of the licensing process will be measured in months, not years. Therefore, as the ledger is closed on a wild and wooly period in the history of broadcast licensing, this incident will be recorded as nothing more than a colorful footnote.

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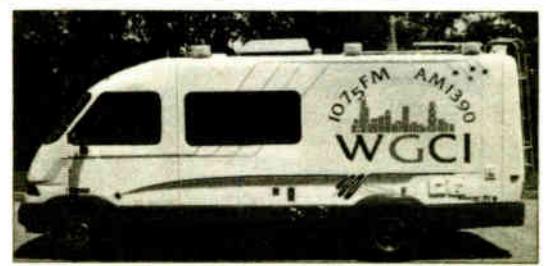
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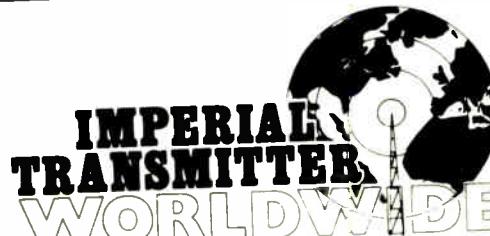
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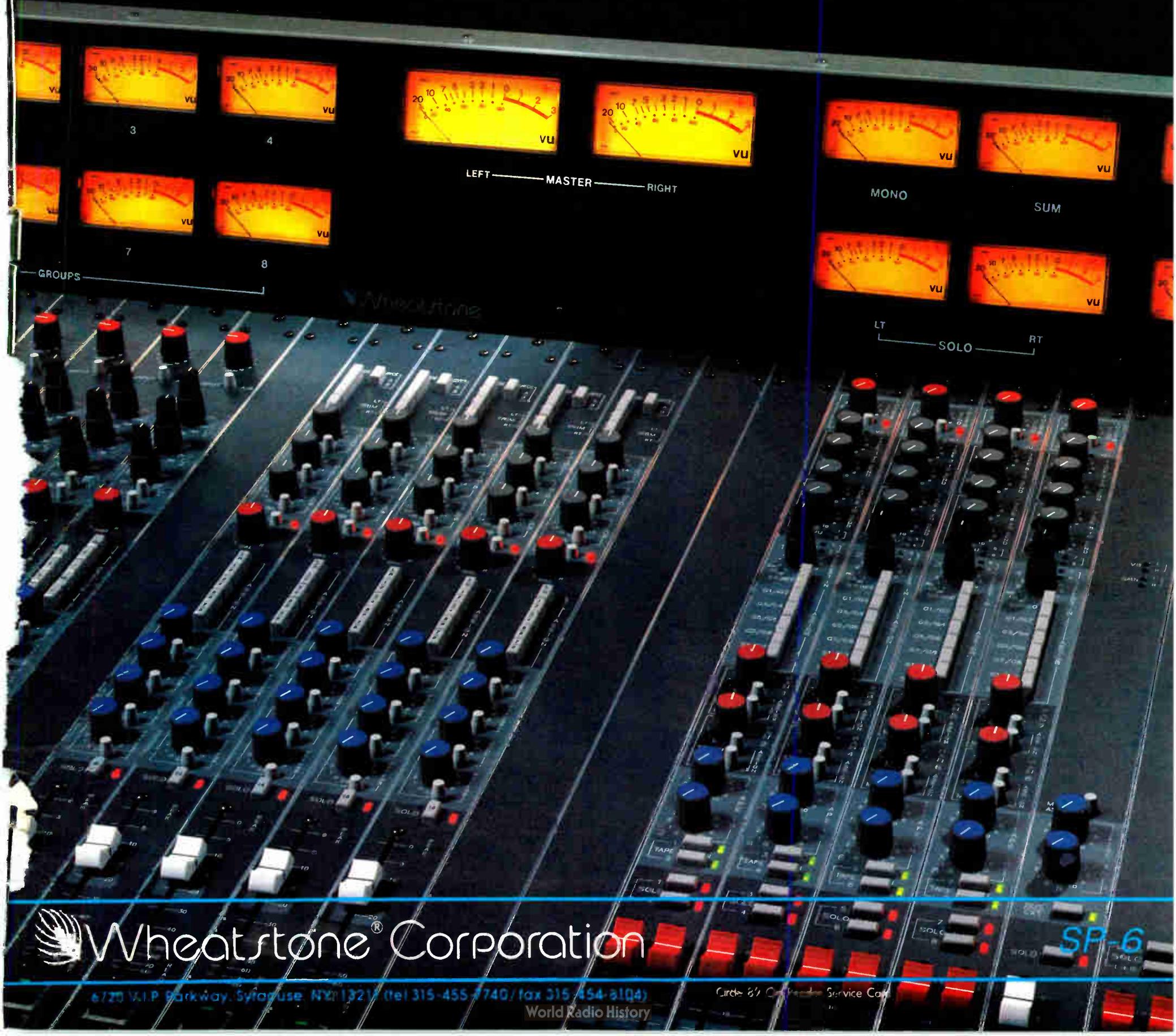
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